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By Zachary Jason

PROLOGUE

A LIVING

I grew up in a place—postwar Brooklyn—where I learned early that work was what you did to “make a living,” and by “you” I mean men, and by “living” I mean enough to feed, house, and clothe a wife and children and transport them to an upstate bungalow for the month of August while you stayed in the thick-aired city, making a living. Work was not redemptive, nor, *pace* Freud, as important as love; nor was it something you talked about except to complain, but never too loudly. It was work.

I learned more when, as a teenager, I began to help out on weekends and around holidays in one of the prepared-food stores that my father had started with a couple of ex-GI partners. My job was to quarter raw and roasted chickens, to weigh out a half-pound of potato salad and then throw my hands in the air as in a holdup so customers could see I wasn't thumbing the scale, and to make change at the register by counting backwards and out loud so no one took advantage of me. When I was strong enough, I began to work “in the back,” hauling dripping crates of ice-packed meat and poultry from delivery trucks to the walk-in cooler, stripping yellow-skinned raw chickens of their hearts, kidneys, gizzards, and fat pads, which customers generally didn't want to see turn up on their dining room tables, and taking phone orders and filling them for pickup.

There was a three-man crew at each store—Sam, Moe, and Blackie were my companions—and every morning before opening up they got to their knees on the floor behind the serving counter and pressed down layers of broken-down cardboard boxes, making a carpet on which they'd be standing for the next 10 hours. Stay on the boxes, they warned me solemnly, and you'll never get bad feet like us. All day, while we served up chicken, carrot stew, coleslaw, and other deli items, they nodded at customers' stories and laughed at customers' jokes. I watched them stand on the sidewalk during cigarette breaks, sometimes turning their heads to follow a woman's progress along Kingston Avenue, sometimes just looking around. And each of them visited the walk-in cooler regularly, where a bottle of brandy and plastic cups were on a shelf at the back. You could clock the workday by the amount of liquor remaining in the bottle. And at closing time, my father, who worked in the business's warehouse and kitchen,

would arrive, count the cash against the register record, and drop the day's take into a paper bag for bank deposit. And he'd leave the register drawer open with a 20, a 10, and a five inside, hoping that if someone was dumb enough to break in during the night in spite of the Police Athletic League donor sticker on the door and the insurance paid to the Mob (no door sticker), the guy might just be happy to grab the cash and run without making a mess. And meanwhile, Sam, Moe, Blackie, and I mopped the floors and carried and rolled the day's trash—including the flattened and stained cardboard flooring—out the back door to the alley, where the flies were waiting.

I ESCAPED, OF COURSE. MY FATHER—A GOOD DANCER who once wanted to be a Broadway hooper—was simply earning a living. He never saw “the business” as a legacy. It was a tool. His children, if they could manage it, would do work that gave them pleasure. And we managed it.

In the context of work generally, it's a rare thing, even today, to be happy at work, and no book I know illustrates this more powerfully than Studs Terkel's *Working* (1972), a set of oral history interviews Terkel did with 135 men and women who worked for a living between 1920 and 1970. “This book,” he writes, “being about work, is, by its very nature, about violence—to the spirit as well as to the body.” Though his storytellers range widely—prostitutes and policemen; farmers and cab drivers—their testimonies are alike in their poignancy. “You force me to look back and see what a wasted life I've had,” a New York businessman jokes with Terkel. “I'm 30 years old and sometimes I feel 50,” a janitor confesses. “Most of us have jobs that are too small for our spirit,” concludes a corporate editor. Only about a dozen of Terkel's subjects had found work large enough, among them a nun (“My idea of a calling [is] what I'm doing right now”), a jazz musician, a librarian, and a grave digger who believed that what he did was service and art. Shovel in hand, he regularly stood by at strangers' funerals for which he had dug the graves, and he always carried sunglasses, in case he felt like weeping.

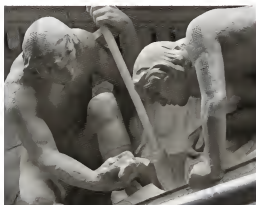
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LETTERS

EXEMPLARS

Re "Together," by Zachary Jason (Spring 2018): The account of the evolution of the Talented Tenth is a shining example of the power of enlightened education and the efforts made to overcome adversity. I was inspired by the vision and humanity of Martin Pierre '89, Ph.D. '02 in starting the group and by how he responded to the horrible racist incident involving the Klan-style prank. I felt Pierre's response echoed what Martin Luther King Jr. or Nelson Mandela would have done in such a situation. High praise, to be sure, but I believe there are many people who, like Pierre, have the courage to flip a negative into a positive owing to their lack of defensiveness and their essential humanity. They often don't get recognized for it.

J. Patrick Gannon '74
San Francisco, California

Thank you for the wonderful article about the Tenth. I attended Boston College just before the formation of this group, and, indeed, looking around campus all one saw were white people, so the fact that black students made up "less than two percent" of the student population was not a surprise.

What was a surprise, and frankly quite shocking, was that today, almost 30 years later, black students make up only 4.3 percent of the student population. In addition, the article states that currently the number of black full-time faculty has grown from eight in the 1980s to 25 today—out of 821 full-time faculty according to the University website—meaning it stands at only 3 percent.

Anne Laplante Phillips '84
Nashua, New Hampshire

What a great story and fantastic legacy to celebrate at Boston College. I was sorry to read that the Tenth fizzled out after Martin Pierre graduated; it seems like the sort of campus initiative the University ought to have supported. The incredible peer learning and guidance that the Tenth members

obtained was all the more remarkable considering these were accomplished largely at their own direction.

I hope that the University takes a close look at the example of the Tenth and can find ways to incorporate the best parts of Pierre's program into opportunities for more undergraduates to make progress on becoming their best selves.

David Cashman '99
Chicago, Illinois

I was blown away as I read "The Tenth." The French would call that story a *choeur d'oeuvre*, a masterpiece. How these men bonded as students at Boston College and progressed together with great and strong social and professional impact over the past quarter century defines what the University is about. What a story, so powerful. Feel good? True. But more than that. How lucky I am to share the word "alumnus" with these outstanding men.

"The Tenth" is yet another totally unexpected piece of great writing on an unexpected subject, the type of story that has been the hallmark of *Boston College Magazine* during the years of Ben Birnbaum's editorship.

Mark Mulvoy '64, '92, '94, '96, '00
Vero Beach, Florida

The writer was for 12 years managing editor of *Sports Illustrated* magazine.

TRUE IDENTITY

William Bole's article "Forever Catholic?" (Spring 2018) was interesting, but, sadly, it missed the mark. The author noted a Pew Research finding that "a little more than half of all U.S. Catholics leave the Church at some point in their lives (most never to return)." I am not surprised.

I did a quick word count of the text of "Forever Catholic?" and found about three dozen occurrences of the words "Catholic" or "Catholicism." Occurrences of the word "Jesus"? Zero! And therein lies the problem that the article missed. The Lord and Savior Jesus, who "in all things

[is to] have the preeminence" (Colossians 1:18), is the One hungry souls are looking for, not the institution of the Church. The two inquirers who approached Philip (in John 12:21) represented well the needs of all the world's inhabitants: "Sir, we would like to see Jesus."

Jim Feeney '65
Eugene, Oregon

LEARNING CURVES

Re "Jesuitland," by Ben Birnbaum and Seth Meehan, Ph.D.'14 (Winter 2018): I read with interest that Fr. Donovan's essay of 1969 was published in a private journal for circulation only among fellow Jesuits.

The plan outlined in the essay was to focus on a broad liberal arts curriculum with a faith-based component and with the faculty—Jesuit and lay, Catholic and non-Catholic—as full partners. As a faculty member at the time, I would have loved to know that there was such a plan, or at least a proposal. Perhaps Fr. Donovan wanted to run it by his Jesuit colleagues in other schools before broaching it with us. Perhaps he believed the alumni were not quite ready to hear this. Or perhaps he was stuck in the top-down leadership style that had served the Jesuits so well for years.

I had joined the faculty as a young Lutheran in 1960 to help build a Ph.D. program in economics. In 1966 the theology department added a Jewish rabbi and its first woman. Departments were strengthened across the board even as the Jesuit presence dwindled. The faculty knew the institution was changing, but we heard almost nothing from our top administrators with respect to how we might best remain a Jesuit school.

In retrospect, I guess the first step in implementing Fr. Donovan's plan was the institution of the Andover weekends in 1974. Groups of 20 or so faculty from various disciplines were invited to spend the weekend at the Andover Inn to talk about teaching. We shared our concerns, we developed lasting friendships with faculty from other fields, and we explored the Jesuit heritage in higher education.

It was only in the 1980s, to the best of my recollection, that the Jesuits openly shared their concern as to how we might maintain a Jesuit identity. They began to invite us to weekend retreats at their house

in Cohasset for an exchange of our aspirations. Through these and other events, I came to see myself as Ignatian and was proud to identify as such. So, to me, the vision was largely achieved once we were recognized as full partners.

Harold Petersen
Brookline, Massachusetts

The writer is an associate professor emeritus of economics.

READING MATTERS

Re "Editor's Note," by Ben Birnbaum (Spring 2018): Between us, my wife and I receive eight alumni magazines. *Boston College Magazine* is the only one that has truly interesting articles in every issue. We check class notes and obits in the other magazines, but mostly they contain self-congratulatory pap. I have greatly appreciated Ben Birnbaum's editorial leadership these many years. He will be missed, but I hope the quality of the magazine will continue.

John Keane, MBA'75, P'08
Baltimore, Maryland

I'm sure I join everyone in our community in expressing gratitude for the great job that Ben Birnbaum has done for so many years. *BCM* is by far the best university alumni magazine that I know.

Mike Hirrel '73
Arlington, Virginia

As Fr. Neenan's booming and cheery "Hello, friend!" embodies my memories of my undergraduate years, Ben Birnbaum's pieces in *Boston College Magazine* epitomize my connection with the University as an alumna.

Mary D'Agostino Dieter '85
McKinney, Texas

MAESTRO

Re "Encore" (Spring 2018): I had the honor and pleasure of working with John Finney as a member of both the chorus and the orchestra. During my senior year, when I was concertmaster as well as a soloist with the orchestra, I worked particularly closely with him. He went out of his way to schedule several rehearsals with me for various performances. In these sessions, he was meticulous, sensitive, accom-

modating, and exuberant in a way that motivated me to play at my highest level. I am grateful to have witnessed firsthand his ability to inspire those around him to become better, more conscious musicians.

Annice Kim '18
Port Washington, New York

I have John Finney to thank for some of my happiest memories from the Heights—singing with the Boston Pops at the annual Pops on the Heights concert; traveling across the Atlantic to share music and experience different cultures; and most importantly, meeting lifelong friends at Thursday afternoon rehearsals.

The Boston College community has benefited greatly from John's passion for music and his desire to share its traditions. I applaud his tremendous accomplishments, as well as the University's commitment to music, the arts, and individuals such as John who make it all happen.

Andrew Malley '16
Somerville, Massachusetts

The writer is a former president of the University Choral.

START-UP

Re "Show Time," by Christopher Amenta (Spring 2018): I had the privilege to serve on the student executive team of the Shea Center for Entrepreneurship. The people I met through the center—whether fellow executive team members, students participating in programs such as the Elevator Pitch Competition and Accelerate@Shea, or alumni volunteering their time—all contributed greatly to my education, becoming valued mentors and friends.

Thomas Herer '17
Massapequa Park, New York

Correction: The Spring 2018 "Campus Digest" incorrectly noted that the Harrington Athletics Village at Brighton Fields encompasses three turf fields. The complex includes two turf fields—baseball and softball—and a natural grass recreational field.

BCM welcomes letters from readers.

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The 126th **Fulton Prize** Debate was won by Noah Valdez '21, a philosophy major from Nashua, New Hampshire, who argued in the affirmative on the question of whether the United States should establish a system of single-payer health insurance. ✂ A *Chronicle of Higher Education* report on four-year **graduation rates** placed Boston College seventh among private, nonprofit institutions, with 89.3 percent of undergraduates earning their diplomas in that time. ✂ After setting a lacrosse team record for most goals in a season (88) and in a single game (nine) while leading her team to a 22–2 record and its second consecutive national championship game (which the Eagles lost 16–15), **Sam Apuzzo** '19 received the 2018 Tewaaron Award (the word comes from the Mohawk term for lacrosse), which honors the top male and female college player in the country. The applied psychology and human development major was voted ACC Scholar-Athlete of the Year and ACC Attacker of the Year. ✂ At its 142nd **Commencement**, the University awarded degrees to 2,377 undergraduate and 1,814 graduate students. Honorary degrees were presented to Joseph Duffy, SJ, '50, MA '51, STL '58, former University Secretary and past rector of the Jesuit Community at Boston College; Drew Gilpin Faust, outgoing president of Harvard University; Kendall B. Reid '79, award-winning HBO documentary producer; Alberto Vasallo III '89, presi-

dent and CEO of *El Mundo*, Boston; and Archbishop of Atlanta Wilton D. Gregory, who delivered the Commencement address. Gregory spoke about the power of language, urging the audience to use “words that may clearly voice your strong opinions but also shun the annihilation of another individual’s human dignity.” Mary Crane, the Rattigan Professor of English and director of the University’s Institute for the Liberal Arts, received the first St. Robert Bellarmine, SJ, Award recognizing a faculty member’s contributions to advancing the mission of Boston College. ✂ During the 12 days in May (4–15) that encompassed study days and finals, the **O’Neill Library** (open round the clock) tallied 65,714 visits, or seven per enrolled undergraduate. ✂ Some 80 students took part in the second **Hack the Heights**, a 24-hour “invention marathon,” hosted by the Boston College Computer Science Society and held in Carney Hall. ✂ Seventeen members of the Class of 2018 received **Fulbright** awards, which support a year of post-baccalaureate study abroad. Destinations include Germany, Malaysia, Spain, India, and South Korea. ✂ Lamps, microwaves, vacuum cleaners, dressers, Swiffer sweepers, and bedding supplies were among some **6,000** items donated by departing students to a local nonprofit that furnishes homes for the poor. ✂ Assistant professor of psychology Joshua Harthorne (with coauthors from Harvard and MIT) published a report in the journal



CRUISE CONTROL—Rising seniors Emma Perry (left) and Isabella Loosbrock, shown aboard a 14-foot Flying Junior, were part of a 17-member team that won the 2018 Sperry Top-Sider/Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association (ICSA) Women's National Championship on May 25. The Eagles topped 18 teams during the two-day regatta, held in light-to-moderate winds on the Elizabeth River in Norfolk, Virginia. It was the team's third national title, their most recent coming in 2012. Following the competition, Loosbrock and teammate Sophia Reineke '21 were named to the 2018 ICSA All-American Skippers team.

Cognition showing that the prime period for learning a **second language** extends into early adulthood, longer than previously thought. ✂ At the 122nd Boston Marathon, **Kate Mignosa** '19, a student in the Connell School of Nursing, finished 28th (out of 11,628) in the women's field, with a time of 2:54:24. ✂ Thirty-four **Coptic textiles** dating from the fourth to eighth centuries, along with some 130 related books and folios, were given to the McMullen Museum of Art by Newton residents Barbara and Donald Tellalian. ✂ At the annual **Japanese Language Contest** sponsored by the Consulate General of Japan in Boston, Jooghwa Byeon '19 took first place in the intermediate speech division. ✂ Twenty-nine campus groups signed an op-ed piece in the *Heights* opposing the Supreme Court's

decision to uphold the "**Muslim Ban.**" Among these were the Undergraduate Government of Boston College, the Black Student Forum, the Asian Caucus, and the editorial boards of *Elements*, *Colloquium*, and the *Gavel*. ✂ Professor of theology **M. Shawn Copeland** received the John Courtney Murray Award from the Catholic Theological Society of America. The award cited Copeland's lifetime work as a "prolific, profound, and pioneering scholar." ✂ More than 1,000 students attended the inaugural **Mass of Gratitude**, which was celebrated by University President William P. Leahy, SJ, at St. Ignatius Church on May 6. The end-of-year Mass will henceforth serve as a bookend to the Mass of the Holy Spirit, held in September. ✂ Assistant professor of chemistry Abhishek Chatterjee is a

2018 **Camille Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Award** recipient. The recognition, honoring young faculty in chemistry, carries an unrestricted grant of \$75,000. Chatterjee's research is aimed at developing a "genetically encoded toolset to unravel the roles of post-translational modifications in human biology." ✂ As part of its celebration of Green Week in late April, the student organization EcoPledge, in collaboration with student culture clubs, published a "plant-based" cookbook. The recipes (all of which were "veganized" by EcoPledge) included **blueberry blintzes** from the Slavic Club; ackee and saltfish—Jamaica's "national dish"—from the Caribbean Culture Club (with tofu taking the role of saltfish); and mujaddara (a rice, lentil, and onion dish) courtesy of the Arab Students Association. —Thomas Cooper



FROM LEFT: Jorge Huete-Perez, a biochemist and visiting professor from Nicaragua; Valencius Matus; and associate professor of political science Jennie Purnell, at Short Sands Beach.

The write time

By Zachary Jason

A Villa retreat gives faculty creative space and a do-not-disturb sign

On the sea side of Beach Street in York, Maine, one morning midweek in June, a shirtless septuagenarian swiveled his metal detector over the empty sands and a family of five with matching sunscreen streaks on their noses peered into a restaurant display window to watch a taffy-pulling machine slowly spin. Gulls circled overhead. On the continental side, in ocean-facing bedrooms and on Adirondack chairs along the lawn of the Union Bluff Hotel, nearly three dozen Boston College faculty and visiting schol-

ars plugged away on drafts of book chapters, lectures, papers, and grant proposals. Associate professor of English Angela Ards, a specialist in African-American literature, and Joseph Professor in Catholic Philosophy Dermot Moran, a phenomenologist, meanwhile, sprinted across the beach and into the 56-degree water.

"This is what the Villa Faculty Writing Retreat aims for," said Burt Howell, executive director of Division of University Mission and Ministry's Intersections office, which hosts the week-long program.

"It's an experience that celebrates faculty's writing and research as integral to the mission of Boston College. But faculty are also easily siloed. The Villa simulates a kind of wholeness and stirs encounters in a way that's difficult to get on campus."

Begun in 2013, the retreat (June 11–15 this year) is modeled on a longstanding Jesuit tradition. After Ignatius of Loyola (1491–1556) founded an order that trained priests in disparate fields (law, medicine, teaching, etc.), he began to host the Villa retreats as a means to gather Jesuits for annual reflection.

At Boston College, some 50 faculty apply each year, and Intersections accepts a group from as wide a range of disciplines as possible. This year's 33 participants come from 22 departments (history is the most represented, with four) in seven schools and colleges. At a get-acquainted meeting on Monday afternoon, faculty members sat in a circle in the hotel's func-

tion room and described what they'd be working on throughout the week. Most were writing books. One was turning to a paper on primate lentiviruses that was due to *Nature* in January; and another hoped to "detox from being chair of the department." Law professor Filippa Anzalone was developing a mindfulness program "to help lawyers become less miserable." Associate professor of nursing Joyce Edmonds was investigating the 21st-century rise in Cesarean delivery rates, and assistant professor of history Zachary Matus was researching medieval experiments on snakes, spiders, and salamanders.

The week is "structured to be structureless," said Howell. Intersections pays for their balconied rooms and catered meals in the stately white colonial-style hotel. Faculty are asked only to attend dinners (where the seating assignments change nightly) and an opening and closing reflection, and to leave their spouses and children at home. The rest of the time is theirs, to write, edit, jog to the Nubble lighthouse, or grab a waffle cone at the Goldenrod. The retreat is an "incredible luxury," says associate professor of history Arissa Oh, who at Villa 2014 "viciously" edited an entire draft of her first book, *To Save the Children of Korea: The Cold War Origins of International Adoption*. "I didn't have to cook for my children, or even myself. All I had to do was write in front of the ocean."

From noon to 1:00 on Wednesday, sandal-and-shorts-clad faculty popped into the hotel's dining hall for a Chinese buffet. Some, like Honors Program associate professor of the practice Chris Conostas, grabbed to me and a couple of egg rolls in to-go containers and headed back to work. "In a very rare zone," he said on his way out, his eyes locked onto the floor. "Be back for dinner." A dozen others sat at round tables to chat with colleagues they were just meeting that week. They talked about grade expectations among undergraduates, a raccoon whose scaling of a skyscraper in Minnesota had consumed social media that morning, and fitness fads. Howell, the gray-bearded master of ceremonies who lingered at every meal, noted that at the previous summer's retreat, a classics professor into Cross Fit

threw boulders up and down the beach each morning. When the topic turned to engaging quiet students, history professor Conevery Bolton Valencius (who's writing a book on hydraulic fracking's link to earthquakes) said that, early each semester, she likes to belt out "Swing Low Sweet Chariot" in the middle of a class. "After that, your students will never be embarrassed, they'll never fear participating."

Ideas for team-taught courses are often born at the Villa, and Intersections offers Kolvenbach grants of up to \$1,000 (named after the late former Jesuit Superior General Peter Hans Kolvenbach) to further develop these collaborations back on the Heights. (Intersections also hosts a "vocation of teaching" retreat in New Hampshire's White Mountains and a Pilgrimage Seminar in which faculty retrace Ignatius's steps in Italy and Spain.)

Nearly half the Villa participants attended the daily 5:00 P.M. Mass, which three Jesuit faculty took turns celebrating in the hotel's banquet hall. On Wednesday, Scott Brodeur, SJ, '79, M.Div.'89, donned white robes over his chinos and faded blue Maine tourist T-shirt, and distributed the

Eucharist from a Tupperware container. "Our common mission in York is to reject mediocrity," said the bespectacled, liling Brodeur, the 2017-18 fellow at the Center for Ignatian Spirituality. "Let us be mindful of and pray for those to whom we are writing."

Nearly all participants attended the cocktail hour that followed. Over pinot grigio and whiskey sours on the stone patio looking out on the beach and the Fun-O-Rama arcade, and then over a salmon and chicken dinner in the dining hall, the conversations flowed, touching on the cunning military tactics of William Tecumseh Sherman and the benefits of silent meditation and how to keep up the writing momentum after the retreat ends. "Whatever dance or basketball camp your kid goes to," said assistant professor of nursing Holly Fontenot, "go to the nearest library after dropping her off and work until you pick her up." At 8:30, they dispersed. A theologian and a computer scientist walked along the beach. A corporate governance lawyer, a political scientist, and a biologist went for ice cream. Most of the rest returned to their manuscripts. ■

Club minutes

Twenty-five club sport teams represented Boston College in intercollegiate competition during the 2017-18 academic year, equaling the number of varsity teams. They ranged from rugby—which held an alumni reunion in April to celebrate its 50th anniversary—to ultimate Frisbee, founded as a men's team in 1977, with a women's team added in 2006.

All told, 821 students took part in club sports last year. And it was a good year, indeed. Some highlights:

Women's ice hockey (18-4-2*): American Collegiate Hockey Association conference champions

Men's lacrosse (10-5)
Men's Collegiate Lacrosse Association conference champions

Women's lacrosse (16-3)
New England league champions; 9th at nationals in Round Rock, Texas

Men's soccer (15-3-1)
New England/Mid-Atlantic region champions

Men's volleyball (28-3)
New England league champions; 25th at nationals in St. Louis, Missouri

Women's volleyball (39-11-5)
top-ranked in northeast division; tied for 9th at nationals in St. Louis

Men's water polo (11-3)
New England division champions; 13th at nationals in Tallahassee, Florida

Women's water polo (12-3)
New England division champions; 8th at nationals in Gresham, Oregon

*All records include tournament and post-season play.

Fertile soil

By Thomas Cooper

How to grow a scientist

Watching a student stir a concoction of sodium alginate, phytagel, and deionized water in a Pyrex bowl with a kitchen stick blender, Mike Barnett says with a chuckle, "That's what I use to make chocolate."

Barnett is a professor in the Lynch School of Education (and a connoisseur of chocolate). Over the past eight years, he has worked with colleagues at LSOE and other institutions to develop a suite of curricular activities that provide middle and high school students with entry points into STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics)—from science-focused theater productions to hydroponic farming—"without diluting the content," he says. The 10 students working around him in a Higgins Hall classroom in mid-July, all wearing safety glasses and disposable latex gloves as they measure and mix materials, are ninth- and 10th-graders from the Boston Public Schools system. They are taking part in a pilot program with the bulky title "Seeding the Future of STEM through Emerging Agricultural Technologies." Funded by a three-year, \$1.2 million grant from the National Science Foundation, the program, of which Barnett is principal investigator and ever-present instigator, will involve young students in research on little-understood aspects of plant growth, using computer coding, miniature greenhouses, and a recently invented growing medium called transparent soil.

Transparent soil was developed in 2012 by plant scientists in Scotland. It consists of polymer beads about a quarter-inch in diameter or smaller (size can be varied to create more or less dense soil). The beads are made of commonly available chemicals (an important consideration for Barnett, who works with cash-strapped public schools) that are blended, heated, blended again, and then syringed slowly, drop

by drop, into a jar to form—if all goes well—the small gelatinous orbs. If the mix is squirted out too rapidly, the result can be a slimy goo. "Like boogers," said one student.

The porous beads very closely mimic the properties of regular soil—taking up nutrients and water, facilitating chemical reactions. They are naturally opaque, but with the addition of a refractive liquid, they become transparent, allowing researchers for the first time to observe the behavior of roots as they grow and encounter different conditions. Previously, to study the rhizosphere one had to pull a plant out of its soil—in other words, destroy it—or grow it in a hydroponic solution, which produces different growth patterns from those of soil-based plants. "It turns out," Barnett says, "there's a great deal we don't know about how plants grow."

Barnett learned about transparent soil in 2016 from Ludovico Cademartiri, an assistant professor of materials science and engineering at Iowa State University who was in Boston for a materials science conference. Cademartiri's Ames, Iowa, lab is using the new medium to study the growth of soybeans, brassicas, and corn, looking at the roots' responses to various environmental factors—elevated levels of carbon dioxide, for example, or drought. Barnett saw an opportunity to engage middle and high school students in "real, edgy science, a cool way to study something that's not on the face of it that exciting." As he told the group the day before they attempted to make their own transparent soil, "What you are going to do has never been done by high school students in this country or anywhere else." A student exclaimed, "You mean, we're scientists."

The 19 high-school students working on the transparent soil project with Barnett and his team of six graduate students are part of College Bound, a

University program that brings disadvantaged middle- and high-school students from Boston Public Schools to campus for pre-collegiate mentoring and skills development. Now in its 30th year, College Bound has since 2011 engaged students in STEM projects such as the aforementioned hydroponic farming and theater productions.

The College Bound students taking part in the transparent soil pilot were on campus during the last three weeks of July (dividing their days between the transparent soil work and related pre-collegiate mentoring). They were instructed by five Boston-area high school science teachers who had spent the first week of July with Barnett's team, learning about coding, greenhouse growing, and transparent soil.

The students started by learning how to use the universal computing language Python to make a string of lights turn on and off, or change colors in time with the beat of a song. They would employ the same language—writing some 40 lines of code—to run the fans, lights, temperature and humidity sensors, and cam-driven vents that would monitor and regulate environmental conditions in the 9-x-15-inch plastic greenhouses.

The students arrived with little or no experience in computer science. "I thought coding was really boring, complicated stuff that only engineers did," said Yarelis Mendez, a rising 10th grader at New Mission High School in Hyde Park. A number of her College Bound classmates commented that coding strained their patience. "You think you've done everything right, but the thing still doesn't work," said Mendez's lab partner, Lucas Silva, a rising sophomore at Brockton High School. "So you go back through each line." When one pair of students called out that their lights were finally blinking in a desired sequence, Barnett observed, "We're engaging them in problem-solving, coding for a purpose as opposed to learning it 'just because.'" He added, "We also want them to know science doesn't always work out."

BARNETT AND HIS TEAM TESTED THE coding and greenhouse portions of the grant's program in June at the McDevitt Middle School in Waltham, Massachu-



Barnett (standing) in the Service Building on Middle Campus, with College Bound students planting their automated greenhouses.

sets. Taking advantage of the unstructured two weeks between the start of state-wide standardized testing and graduation, two eighth-grade science classes took an abbreviated version of the coding course and applied those skills to automating the operations of some 90 greenhouses. The miniature structures contained basil, cilantro, or lettuce seedlings, growing in a potting mixture. The short schedule prohibited introducing the transparent soil element into their work, but the goal was similar: employ the coding to automatically maintain a set of predetermined conditions in the greenhouse.

On June 13, Barnett, in shorts, a lavender short-sleeve shirt, and hiking sandals, and sporting a closely cropped goatee, visited the class of McDevitt science teacher Danielle Vinciuila as her students showed off the results of their work to sixth graders and their teachers. Barnett moved easily about the room, squatting down

to ask students how the coding had gone and how it controlled their greenhouses. Watching from the back of the room, Rajeev Rupani, senior research associate on the Barnett team said, "It's great they're using words like 'port' and 'smartboard'. Two weeks ago, that wasn't happening."

HAVING SPENT THE FIRST TWO WEEKS of the pilot program learning to code and making transparent soil, in the final week the College Bound students brought the three strands of their work together, planting lettuce and cilantro seedlings in transparent soil and installing them in greenhouses they had equipped with code-driven sensors and other devices.

In September, the same group will return to campus on alternate Saturdays to expand on their summer work. They will begin to introduce variables into their greenhouse ecosystems—changing the duration that the lights stay on, say, or

injecting pollutants (e.g., a high concentration of salt) into the transparent soil. The conditions in the greenhouses—humidity, temperature, day length—will be continuously fed to a computer dashboard, allowing students to analyze the growth of the roots, which will be photographed at different stages. The information the group generates can be added to the data collected by the Cademartiri lab. The goal, says Barnett, is to "get kids doing real research, the same sort of stuff that is going on at a university."

Barnett plans a roll out of the transparent soil program in spring 2019 that will involve 16 teachers in Massachusetts, Colorado, and Iowa. "I'm feeling good about this going into classrooms," he said in late July. As for the students, he said "they were great." But he adds, "It takes a couple of years for them to really internalize what they've learned and feel, 'I can do this.'" ■

Assigned reading

COURSE: ENGL 3353

Literatures of Migration

By Elizabeth Graver

COURSE DESCRIPTION

In 2017, according to a United Nations study, the number of international migrants worldwide reached 258 million, an increase of 38 million in just seven years. The texts students encounter in this course are among the most vital, affecting, and relevant of our times. Through novels, short stories, memoirs, and literary journalism, the 20 or so students in the room begin to understand migration less as a linear journey from Point A to Point B than as a state of being that endures long after the physical trip is over, with diasporic communities, return migrations, and—especially, for the purposes of our discussions—memory and storytelling blurring the boundaries between here and there.

As director of the University's annual Fiction Days, I collaborate with the Lowell Humanities Series to bring many of the writers we read to campus. Over the past several years, my students have had the opportunity to speak with Edwidge Danticat, Junot Díaz, Gish Jen, Laila Lalami, Dinaw Mengestu, Gary Shteyngart, Maxim Shrayer (from Boston College's own Slavic languages and literatures faculty), Zadie Smith, and Viet Thanh Nguyen. All are immigrants, or their parents were. A number of students in the class are also immigrants, members of the 1.5 Generation who arrived in this country as children. On the first day, I ask students to write a paragraph about their families' immigrant histories. What don't you know?, I prod. What have you never asked?

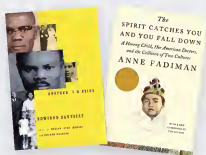
REQUIRED BOOKS

Brother, I'm Dying (2007)
By Edwidge Danticat

A gentle family portrait, this memoir is also an unblinking look at the U.S. immigration system that welcomed Danticat's father, Mira, and granted his children opportunities, even as it hastened her

Uncle Joseph's death, detaining him, disbelieving his medical condition, and providing subpar care. As a child, Danticat lived for eight years with her uncle in a tumultuous Port-au-Prince, Haiti, neighborhood before she was able to join her parents in Brooklyn in 1981 at age 12. The situation endowed her with two fathers (although always missing one) and the ability to move between cultures, yet she also strug-

gled to integrate into a family that included two American-born brothers who didn't know who she was. Danticat makes it clear that not everyone *wants* to emigrate, even in the face of extreme conditions in the home country. "Exile is not for everyone," as Uncle Joseph said. "Someone has to stay behind, to receive the letters and greet family members when they come back." A powerful example of how migration can expand the definition of family, *Brother, I'm Dying* also explores the important but



vexed role of the 1.5 Generation in telling the stories of the generations that came before. "What I learned from my father and uncle," Danticat writes, "I learned out of sequence and in fragments... I am writing this only because they can't."

The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down: A Hmong Child, Her American Doctors and the Collision of Two Cultures (1997)
By Anne Fadiman

Lia Lee, a child with severe epilepsy, was born in 1982 in Merced, California, to a family of Hmong refugees from the mountains of Laos. Moving between journalistic accounts of Lia's family and her doctors, Fadiman leads readers through what she calls a "dense fog" of cross-cultural misunderstanding. Lia's parents, while not entirely opposed to Western medicine, primarily seek to heal their daughter through animal sacrifice, herbal remedies, and "soul-calling" ceremonies. Her American doctors prescribe medications with labels her mother can't read, demand repeated blood samples—a practice viewed as life-threatening by many Hmong—and, as Fadiman writes, "never even mention the soul." Embodiment the Hmong concept of *hais cuaj txaub kaum txaub*—"to speak of

all kinds of things"—Fadiman's storytelling involves extended detours. There is a chapter, for instance, on the CIA's secret recruitment of a Hmong guerrilla army during the Vietnam War, in which she describes how these skilled fighters who understood the terrain were paid terribly, treated poorly, and "died at a rate about 10 times as high as that of American soldiers in Vietnam." That little-known history helps explain why the Hmong in Merced—sometimes seen as intransigent and accused of milking public assistance—feel they are owed a debt by their host country. In the book's preface, Fadiman expresses what might serve as a guiding principle for the course: "I have always felt that the action most worth watching is not at the center of things but where the edges meet. There are interesting frictions and incongruities in these places, and often, if you stand on the point of tangency, you can see both sides better than if you were in the middle of either one."

The Refugees (2017)
By Viet Thanh Nguyen

When Nguyen, who in 1975 entered the United States as a four-year-old refugee from Vietnam, visited campus in March 2018, the class greeted him still haunted by the many voices from this short story collection. Among them is a housebound ghostwriter who can narrate other people's traumas but can't tell her own story until she is visited by her brother's ghost, who returns her to the boat where he died protecting her from pirates as they fled war-torn Vietnam. The story, "Black-Eyed Women," is a reverse migration of sorts, though a partial one, since (Nguyen suggests) some losses are beyond the scope of language. In an afternoon public discussion between English professor Min Song and Nguyen, Emily Jennings '20 asked if Nguyen thought the media might overuse the term "refugee" in a way that flattens out his own experience. Nguyen responded, "No. I don't think we use the term 'refugee' enough. The word is really loaded, because in addition to being a rhetorical term and having a dictionary definition, it's a legal term," one conferring protection. "To call someone a refugee is not just simply to name a condition."

Little Failure (2014)
By Gary Shteyngart

Shteyngart's memoir of his childhood in the former Soviet Union and his new life in the United States, where he arrived at age seven in 1979, is at once hilarious and heartbreaking, full of word play and play of all kinds, even though the subjects he tackles include repressed trauma, anti-Semitism, and the continuous, wearying work of trying to fit in. "I don't know what I'm doing," Shteyngart writes of young Gary's bumbling first days at the Solomon Schechter School of Queens. "With my missing scissors and missing glue and my missing crayons and my missing yarmulke and my missing shirt, the one with the insignia of a guy on a horse swinging a mallet, a polo shirt, I learn much too late, I am also missing." As we follow Gary to a selective public high school in Manhattan, to Oberlin College, and into his adult years, we observe how his writing gains him the admiration of his peers and helps him interrogate the near and distant past, even as his parents, who gave up much to see him succeed, descry a foolhardy path: "But what kind of profession is this, writer? my mother would ask." With its photographs and tracing of a Jewish family's past, Shteyngart's book resonates with my own novel-in-progress, which tracks my Sephardic Jewish grandmother's journey from Turkey to Spain to Cuba to New York. I give students a glimpse of my work and share how some of its qualities—language crossings, blurred genre boundaries, fluid ideas of home—are inspired by the texts we've read together.

"The Danger of a Single Story"
TEDGlobal talk, July 23, 2009
By Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

The Nigerian-American author of the 2013 novel *Americanah*, Adichie describes



being pigeon-holed into a "single story" by strangers who make assumptions about her Nigerian upbringing, even as she admits to having similarly typecast others. "The problem with stereotypes is not that they are untrue," she says, but that "they make one story become the only story." For their final project, I ask students to counter "the danger of the single story" by finding an immigrant or refugee to interview, researching the circumstances of that person's migration, and distilling a seven-minute video from what invariably ends up being a much longer conversation. Interviews have taken place with roommates, relatives, and strangers hailing from China, Vietnam, Ecuador, Brazil, Afghanistan, Ireland, Haiti, England, Syria, Senegal, Ghana, Cuba, Afghanistan, and elsewhere. Caroline Dragonetti '19 met Faustín Kalombo when he was her Uber driver. A few weeks later, before a camera in a Boston College classroom, he shared his story of leaving the Democratic Republic of the Congo for Burundi and then the United States. Faustín speaks six languages but says his experience of fleeing Burundi's civil war was "so hard that, when I remember, I cannot find the words to describe it." Kim Chook '18 interviewed Andrew Chook, her uncle from Cambodia, where Kim also was born. "Where do you want to be buried?" Kim asks him. After a weighty pause, her uncle meets her gaze: "Cambodia." My colleague Lynn Johnson, a professor in the history department, has published some of the strongest videos from the class on Global Boston, the website she curates (globalboston.bc.edu/immigrant-interviews). They are worth a look.

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Howard Gray, SJ, at Rahner House in 1999, when he led the Center for Ignatian Spirituality.

BEING THERE

Passages

By Ben Birnbaum

May 17, noon to 6:00 P.M.

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear? The Lord is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid?" So goes the verse from Psalm 27 that was read out in St. Mary's Chapel at a noon Mass in memory of Howard Gray, SJ, who died 10 days earlier of injuries received in a car accident near Detroit, Michigan, his home territory. A celebrated priest, counselor, teacher, and spiritual director, the 87-year-old had only recently returned to the Midwest following a long, peripatetic career that included stops at six Jesuit universities, two Jesuit seminaries, and one provincial's office. He and the driver, a fellow Jesuit who survived the crash, were on their way to a retreat Howard was to lead.

Gentle-souled, humorous, and keen-eyed, Howard was a brave lover of the

world—of friends, of literature—and of the Church, which, he used to say, was "not a gated community [but] a swinging gate." About 100 men and women were at St. Mary's for the Mass, nearly all of them, like me, Boston College old guard.

Some of those present had known Howard over many years, but I knew him only between 1996 and 2001, when he was at Boston College, having been imported from the Detroit Province by a new president, William P. Leahy, SJ, to found and then direct the Center for Ignatian Spirituality—a bookend to the intellectually focused Jesuit Institute that had been launched in 1992. Howard left Chestnut Hill sooner than anyone would have liked, pulled back by his provincial to be a vice president and Jesuit rector at John Carroll University, in Cleveland. Six years later, in

2007, he was again shipped out on special assignment, this time to become an advisor to John DeGioia, who'd been named president of Georgetown—the first layman to head an American Jesuit university. Howard was with DeGioia for a decade before returning to Michigan last year as a retreat leader—a retirement of sorts.

In St. Mary's chapel, celebrant Michael Boughton, SJ, a former student of Fr. Gray's and one of his successors as director of the spirituality institute, recalled that "Howard's classes [at the Weston Jesuit School of Theology] were packed, and all of us would furiously take notes, trying desperately to get down every word that Howard spoke; it was all so insightful, so wise, so helpful. But I noticed that after a while all of us would put down our pens, to simply absorb all that he was teaching us."

Howard spoke plainly and directly. He also cared to be interesting—in his scholarly lectures (some of which can be viewed on YouTube) he alternated dense clumps from the 16th-century *Spiritual Exercises* with merry stories of people he'd known and what they'd done, wisely and foolishly, sacred and profane. "Howard's best moments," said Boughton, "were when he would seem to go off script." I once heard him lecture in a Boston College series on prayer, and he took as his text a John Updike short story called "Pigeon Feathers." It is, roughly speaking, a terrifying meditation on youth, despair, and a God who deals death, and in the course of 45 minutes one evening in Devlin 001, Howard managed to endow Updike—the heterodox Lutheran-Congregationalist-Episcopalian—with something of an Ignatian aspect. God in all things, even the feathers of pigeons who've been killed by a troubled boy with a brand-new Remington .22.

In private conversations, Howard listened hard. ("Fr. Gray can see into your soul," a seminary student once went around saying.) And when Howard left you after a significant exchange, he often closed his eyes and in silence inclined his head to you, as though it was you who needed to be thanked and not the other way around.

"Pilgrims together, we go through this life," said mission and ministry vice president Jack Butler, SJ, at the conclusion of

the Mass; he then invited us to lunch and said, "Let's tell stories about Howard." And so we went down the hall to sandwiches, salads, and cookies, and we sat at cloth-covered tables and talked. I only told the story about his Updike lecture. If I had told another, though, it would have been about the time he invited my wife and me to dinner at his home, which was Roberts House, a small, lively Jesuit community residence on Beacon Street. We got there early, and Howard met us at the door and said he'd not yet had a chance to say Mass, and so we could have a seat in the living room for a bit or if we wanted we could join him in the chapel. We went into the narrow chapel, which had once been the house's sun porch, and sat down with our backs to the Beacon Street clatter, and Howard presided at the altar a few feet in front of us, his Jewish congregants. At the Communion he came forward and we embraced him and wished him peace, and he wished us the same.

Driving back to my office from St. Mary's, it occurred to me that I'd never before been to a memorial service at which there were no tears.

A FEW HOURS LATER, I RETURNED to Middle Campus and entered a large white tent on Baptist Lawn that was jammed with some 1,500 graduating seniors in long rows of folding chairs, each holding a flute of champagne, and all 1,500, it seemed, talking at the same time. They were gathered in that happy din—along with a score of men and women representing the Class of 1968 on their 50th anniversary (also talking)—for the Senior Toast. Sponsored by the Alumni Association, this rite has been taking place during Senior Week since 2007, marking the passage from college life to all that comes next.

The Golden Eagles were down front in the first rows and dressed as you'd expect men and women of experience to be outfit-

ted for a late spring open-air occasion. The students had generally aimed a bit higher, however, with many men in blue blazers, suits, dress shirts, and neckties (and a couple of jokey banker bowties), and women in heels and bright summer dresses and, in one instance, a bold pair of cinnamon bell-bottoms.

Exuberance was the order of the moment, and it held through the 45 minutes of welcomes and introductions and speeches—from representatives of the Alumni Association, the Alumni Board, the Class of 1968, and students associated with the class gift campaign (82 percent of the class had contributed). All jokes were greeted with laughter; all efforts at wit were applauded. The main speaker was Michael Davidson, SJ, a popular campus minister who instructed the soon-to-be graduates: "Bloom where you are planted. Live lives of purpose. Live lives of passion." And then he stuck his landing, saying, "If you ever feel homesick missing



Members of the Class of 2018 on Linden Lane, four days before graduating.

Boston College, know that we are tremendously proud of you. And you can always find your home here." A sentimental wish, perhaps. But perhaps not. Home, as members of the Class of 1968 in the front rows no doubt knew, is in the end memory, as often as brick.

When all had been said, the students stood and raised their glasses and drank tepid champagne. And then most headed off to Lower Campus and beyond to continue their celebration of Senior Week. A couple of hundred hung around on Linden Lane—Boston College had closed it to traffic for the afternoon—in front

of the Eagle and Gasson Hall and took photographs of friends with arms around each other's shoulders, of friends tossing graduation caps in the air and jumping to catch them, of friends with linked arms, of friends posing in black graduation robes that were being passed around, of friends kneeling in front and standing behind or peering at the camera through the distorting lens of a champagne flute inscribed "Senior Toast, Class of 2018." Nearly all the women had exchanged their heels for flats or sneakers they'd brought in their bags. All the men had shed their coats and ties. It was lovely to see. ■

The award goes to . . .

By Zachary Jason

The namesakes

At school-specific ceremonies on May 20 and University Commencement on May 21, Boston College conferred 57 undergraduate awards upon 51 seniors. Prizes ranged from the Brendan Connolly, SJ, Award, established in 1982 and given to a student who, like former University Librarian Connolly (1913–74), is "witty and deeply loyal . . . loves books and respects learning" to the Frank J. Bailey Sr. Award for academic excellence in Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, established in 2000. The vast majority were created not through concerted University planning but scattershot bursts of fanfare, affection, and grassroots donations from students, the parents and children of graduates, alumni, and even strangers. Political scientist Kathleen Bailey '76, a professor of the practice, endowed the Bailey Award to honor her late father, a vice president of an upstate New York gas and oil utility company; "He was always fascinated by the Middle East because of that connection," says Bailey. The Princess Grace of Monaco Award in French was created in 1983 by

Helene Day, the consul of Monaco, and brothers Paul and Philip Garber, who ran a Boston-area travel agency. The three were board members of the Greycliff Hall foreign language residence. The Greycliff experiment ended three years later, but the Garbers continue to present the award. Aside from the oldest award, the General Excellence Award—established in 1922 by the Philomatheia Club, a women's fund-raising group that supported then all-male Boston College—the other 56 bear namesakes. (The newest award, founded in 2011 by the sociology department, is named after former professor David Karp). Among this varied family of honorees are 20 former faculty, 10 Jesuits, two deceased students (Judith Fine '81 and John F. Norton, Class of 1922), a 19th-century Venezuelan diplomat and philologist (the Andrés Bello Prize in Spanish, also established by the Garbers), and other men and women of assorted distinction and connection to the University. Below are accounts of four whose names echo annually on campus, with their respective 2018 honorands:

EDWARD H. FINNEGAN, SJ, AWARD
Since 1951, given to "the student who has best exemplified in their four years at Boston College the spirit of the College motto, 'Ever to Excel.'"

Edward Finnegan (1901–51), the eldest of Owen, a mixer at a textile factory, and Catherine Finnegan's three children, was raised in Fall River, entered the Jesuit order in 1923, earned his bachelor's (1928) and master's (1930) at Boston College, and his Ph.D. in history at Fordham. After lecturing for a few years at the College of the Holy Cross, Finnegan spent the last 12 years of his life as an assistant professor of history at Boston College, teaching American history survey courses, and serving as advisor to the senior class and *Sub Turri*. His lone extant portrait in University archives depicts a fair-skinned man of about 40 with a wispy blonde crew cut, thin frameless spectacles that barely cover his large eyes, a long, thin nose, and a close-lipped hint of a grin. He died from a lung disease, at age 49. According to his obituary in the *Boston Globe*, the yearbook's student staff served as pallbearers. Three months later, a handful of his students in the classes of 1950, 1951, and 1952 decided to grant an annual cash award to "the kind of man that was admired" by Fr. Finnegan, as they wrote in a *Heights* op-ed. The recipient would be "a man who gives of himself unselfishly, he is a doer not a talker . . . THE man to look up to." To endow the Finnegan Memorial Award Fund, students held a varsity vs. intramural basketball game and a junior class variety show (the Finnegan Award cash prize in 2018 was \$1,500). The award was a popularity contest among the undergraduates until 1952. Since then, individual faculty have nominated students, and the president has decided the recipient. The Finnegan medal is the only undergraduate award presented at University Commencement ceremonies in Alumni Stadium.

Christopher Reynolds, who received the award in 2018, spent his years at Boston College as a Gabbelli Presidential Scholar, biochemistry and theology major, Eagle EMT, 4Boston volunteer, and research fellow in the laboratory of biology professor Kenneth Williams. On a Fulbright grant, Reynolds will spend



Clockwise from top left: Bourneuf in 1960, with the Omicron Chi Epsilon undergraduate economics honor society; Dever, circa 1945; Macomber with students, date unknown; and Finnegan, circa 1948.

next year in Colombia studying healthcare reintegration at the end of that country's decades-long armed conflict, before he applies to medical school.

JOSEPH G. AND MARGARET M. DEVER FELLOWSHIP

Since 1972, given to "a graduating senior who shows promise of a career in writing."

In Joseph Dever's first novel, *No Lasting Home* (1947), protagonist Gerry Creedin loses his mother at age two. His Irish immigrant father soon loses his job after drinking from the beer barrels he was delivering, and spends the rest of his life an ineffectual alcoholic. Gerry's older brother, Ed, sacrifices his career and marriage to ensure that the precocious, pious Gerry who loves to write becomes the first in the family to attend college. Dever extracted the plot directly from his life, and the fictional Ignatian College that Gerry attends is a thinly veiled

Boston College. After Dever graduated in 1942, the former *Stylus* editor became a wartime reporter for the Army's *YANK* magazine. In 1944, *YANK* published "Fifty Missions," a short story about a gunner who returns to Boston from the war—in Dever's words, from "the blood fleck, the mother-mercy-calling and the blubbering, steel-given death of the nice guys who were hilariously drunk with you just a few nights earlier"—to find that his girlfriend has become a nun. The story launched his literary career.

A month after "Fifty Missions" was published, Margaret Kermode, editor of the student literary magazine at Mount St. Scholastica College in Archison, Kansas, invited Dever to visit for a reading. They married six months after they met and settled in West Newton, often hosting soirees with academics, writers, and clergymen that always ended with Irish folk songs, Margaret on piano, Joe singing

baritone. Following the birth of their fifth child, Margaret started teaching a seminar on "The Western Cultural Tradition" at Newton College of the Sacred Heart, in 1961. After the University acquired Newton College in 1975, she helped develop the women's studies program at Boston College and led the English department's Abbey Theatre summer program in Dublin.

Dever wrote two novels after *No Lasting Home*—also Boston-based dramas of family and faith, popular among Catholic readers—and a biography of Boston Cardinal Richard Cushing. "He had buckets and buckets of talent, but he didn't have discipline," says his oldest daughter, Monica. He died of a heart attack in 1970, at 51. Margaret died in 1995, at age 71. The Dever Fellowship, a \$5,000 cash prize, was founded and endowed by classmate Robert Muse '42.

Gabriel McClary, the 2018 Dever rec-

ipient, also received the Doherty Award for best thesis from an English major. The Florida native played defensive back for the Eagles for four years, and was vice president of the student faith group Athletes in Action.

ALICE E. BOURNEUF THESIS AWARD

Since 1981, given to a "senior in economics based on achievement in both major and non-major courses, strength of curriculum, quality of written and creative work, and attitude toward the study of economics."

By the time she became the first woman appointed full professor in the College of Arts and Sciences in 1959 and was tasked with turning a teaching-focused economics department into a modern research engine, Alice Bourneuf was accustomed to bulldozing obstacles. In 1914, when Bourneuf was two, her father, a carpenter, died, leaving her mother to raise 11 children (of which Alice was the 10th) in Haverhill, Massachusetts. At 24, after graduating from Radcliffe, Bourneuf earned her master's in economics at Harvard, despite being relegated to the back of the classroom and prohibited from speaking in seminars (along with the program's few other women). She was 27 and a year into researching her doctoral dissertation in Belgium when Germany invaded. During the war she worked for the U.S. Office of Price Administration,

setting import-export prices, and then the Federal Reserve Board, helping to create international monetary plans. Bourneuf was one of two female economists present at the 1944 Bretton Woods Conference, where the World Bank and International Monetary Fund were established. From 1948 to 1953 she served as a representative of the U.S. Marshall Plan in Paris and Oslo, helping to rebuild Western Europe's war-ravaged economies. After finishing her Ph.D. at age 41, and teaching for two years at the University of California, Berkeley, she arrived at Boston College in 1959. Her biographical profile in *Notable American Women* (2004) describes Bourneuf's presence on the Heights, which wouldn't admit women into the College of Arts and Sciences until 1970: It "must have seemed, if not like a hurricane, at least like a grade 3 tropical storm. Aside from Bourneuf's expertise, energy, and creative public research in the field of macroeconomics, her major asset was guileless devotion to excellence." Bourneuf hired more than a dozen faculty and founded the economics graduate program (*U.S. News* today ranks the department 25th nationally). Diagnosed with cancer in 1977, she retired to the coast of Maine, still enjoying "a good stiff drink before lunch," she joked to the *Heights* in 1979. Bourneuf died in 1980, at 68, and her department created the award the following year.

The 2018 recipient Christophe Bernier wrote his thesis on "Forecasting Real-Time Win Probability in NHL Games." Among other pursuits, the mathematics and economics major was a Kairos retreat leader and an undergraduate research fellow in the economics department. Starting this fall, Bernier will work as an analyst at McKinsey & Company in Montréal.

ALLISON R. MACOMBER AWARD

Since 1981, given to a senior for "outstanding work in the fine arts."

Allison Rufus Macomber Jr. taught his classes wearing a black beret, and black cape. Hired as Boston College's first artist-in-residence in 1963, Macomber was a founding member of the fine arts department, and for 16 years taught drawing, painting, and sculpture workshops, often in the Gasson Hall belfry. "He was the first person to introduce Boston College students to the fine arts," art history professor Marianne Martin told the Boston College *Chronicle* when Macomber died in 1979. "He had the sort of demeanor that came across to the students—something like Blake's 'divine frenzy.'"

A house painter's firstborn son, the Taunton native graduated from the Massachusetts School of Art and started out designing patterns for commemorative coins, medals, and silverware. During World War II he served as a bombardier pilot, earning an air medal and four oak leaf clusters (for the rest of his life he'd fly a 65-horsepower biplane on Sunday afternoons). Macomber eventually became a renowned sculptor of athletes, his works including bronze busts of football coach Knute Rockne outside Notre Dame Stadium and of Babe Ruth at Cooperstown. Some of his works are on campus: among them, a bronze plaque of Richard Cardinal Cushing inside Cushing Hall and the golden presidential medalion commissioned by Seavey Joyce, SJ, to mark his 1968 inauguration (it features the University seal flanked by a sunburst and the figures of Mary, Christ Teacher, and the Lamp of Knowledge).

The 2018 Macomber recipient, Tessa Flaga, an art history major with a minor in management and leadership, is now interning at an art association in Munich, intent on a career stateside in arts management. ■



Christopher Reynolds receives the 2018 Finnegan Award at Commencement, flanked by University President William P. Leahy, SJ (left), and Peter K. Markell '77, Chair of the Board of Trustees.



View on Lower Campus, at 5:00 P.M. on July 12.

CLOSE-UP: SAY IT WITH FLOWERS

IN THE EARLY MORNING OF MAY 10, four gardeners from the University's facilities department, all wearing blue plastic gloves, descended on the east-facing slope between Ignacio Hall and the Commonwealth Avenue Garage. They were there to swap out a bed of tulips planted the previous fall and now producing a floral version of the interlocking maroon and gold Boston College logo. The gardeners change this display three times a year—replacing the spring bulbs with summer annuals, and those, in turn, with chrysanthemums in September. Some 2,200 plants and bulbs come and go each year. At this morning's changeover, the gardeners planted almost 1,100 "Bada Boom Scarlet" begonias and "Inca Yellow" marigolds, in little more than an hour and a half.

The logo beside Ignacio (there is another on a banking behind McGuinn Hall) made its first appearance in spring 2009. Its outlines are defined by ¾-inch heavy-gauge steel edging (which helps retain soil on the steep grade). Overall the tem-

plate measures 18' 4" high by 20' 7" wide, with the letters being 30 inches thick.

The gardeners were dispatching the 800 exuberant red and yellow Darwin hybrid tulips, hoicking them out and piling them on the lawn when, 10 minutes in, four senior women from the Mods, their flip-flops and shorts also signaling the change of season, approached. "Would it be all right if we took some of those?," one asked. "Have as many as you want," offered Scott Jones, lead gardener. Cradling leafy tulip bouquets, roots and all, the students went off, laughing at their good fortune. The rest of the tulips were bagged and carted to the facilities service yard, to be snatched up by University staff. "Any that are left, we compost," said landscape services supervisor Charles Baldwin, "but that's rarely an issue."

When the bed was cleared, Jones, operating a two-handled gas post-hole auger, rapidly sank a dense succession of four-inch diameter holes inside the letters' outlines. This compact planting style—using annuals to create family

crests and other designs—was popularized during the Victorian era and is referred to as carpet bedding. "One year the begonias got really leggy," said gardener Glen Lapham, "so we came in and gave them a haircut with a hedge trimmer," which prompted new flowering. If the flowers begin to flag, the team will douse them with a liquid "bloom booster," the floral equivalent of a shot of caffeine.

The annuals are a gift from Mahoney's Garden Centers, a Boston-area chain, which custom grows them to be thick and flowering at Commencement. Paul Mahoney '57, the firm's founder, began donating plants for specific projects (e.g., landscaping for new buildings) in the 1970s, according to his son Tom '86. Some 20 years ago, the Mahoneys committed to providing annuals—approximately 4,100 each spring—for campus flower beds.

Following Commencement ceremonies on May 21, families clustered in front of the logo, waiting their turn at commemorative picture-taking. As one young man in cap and gown strode into place, a paternal photographer directed, "Take off your cap and move to the left; we need to see the flowers."

—Thomas Cooper

CARE ACT

For Dr. Amanda Parsons '97, who heads community health within the Bronx's massive Montefiore hospital and health system, the list of daily concerns includes vaccinations, mental health, integral medical records, income disparity, and vegetables

BY TIM HEFFERNAN

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Parsons in her Montefiore office on July 13.





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rom her office on the campus of Montefiore Medical Center, at East 210th Street and Rochambeau Avenue, Amanda Parsons '97 can look out over a row of brick houses and see the wide borough of the Bronx spreading to the horizon. The houses give way to low apartment blocks and, in the distance, the Gun Hill public housing complex. Parsons is Montefiore's vice president of community and population health, and has been since 2014. In the simplest possible terms, her job is to help the Bronx's 1.5 million people lead longer, happier, healthier lives.

It's a Wednesday morning in May, and at 9:00 sharp Parsons pulls out her schedule. The day's lineup is crowded and typical, a sketch of the broad landscape of her concerns. When Montefiore was started by Jewish philanthropists in 1884 as a home for chronic invalids, its mission was to serve the "people whom other hospitals of the day would not help," according to official history. Today, the Montefiore Health System is one of the country's largest, with 11 campuses, research facilities, and the Albert Einstein School of Medicine (where Parsons is also an assistant professor of family and social medicine). Services provided by Montefiore have earned it national rankings. Those services are badly needed. The Bronx is the unhealthiest county in New York State (and has been for seven years running), falling at or near the bottom in measures such as obesity, smoking, physical inactivity, and low birthweight. It is also the poorest county in the state, and among the poorest nationwide, with a per capita income of less than \$19,000, accord-

ing to the Census Bureau's American Community Survey. Its rundown apartments, infested with mold, roaches, and rodents, contribute to a high incidence of asthma, especially among poor children (43 percent of the borough's children live in poverty). Children in the Bronx on the receiving end of Medicaid (a proxy for "poor") are diagnosed with the disease at a rate 3.3 times the state childhood average. And one out of three Bronx residents, versus one in eight Americans overall, does not have enough to eat.

First up on this day is a meeting to address the problem of babies and smoking. It's difficult to bring a group of clinicians and administrators together—emergencies arise—and this meeting must be cancelled. But Parsons lays out the challenges for a visitor: On one side of any solution are Montefiore's pediatricians. Too often, they find



themselves treating infants suffering the impacts of second-hand smoke, which include bronchitis, pneumonia, and increased risk of crib death. On another side are the medical center's specialists in helping grownups kick the cigarette habit (one in six Bronx adults is a smoker). Everyone wants the best for patients and their families, Parsons observes. But the medical records each side uses talk past each other; they don't mesh.

As Parsons spells out the problem, she reveals something of herself, professionally and personally. She speaks in paragraphs, with cool command of the complex issues. And her tall, athletic frame—she used to compete in triathlons—gives her a physical authority. It's easy to understand how she became a leader. But she also speaks in relatable terms, and with the “dash of sass, passion, and humor” she touts on her LinkedIn profile.

“So, I am the baby,” Parsons says, building a case. “The mom says that I am exposed to second-hand smoke, because

Parsons with Christopher Panczner, a Montefiore system senior vice president, outside the Bronx New Way Deli & Grocery. The bodega is located a mile and a half from the Medical Center.

dad smokes or grandma smokes or something. And you, the pediatrician, want to refer said grandma or said dad to smoking cessation. But the pediatrician is sharing the baby's chart, so smoking cessation says, ‘I'm not calling

a six-month-old.’ They don't even know, Is it the grandma? Is it the dad? Is it the mom? We're trying to figure out a way to solve that.”

The next appointment is a meeting to discuss coordinating the mental and cardiovascular care of Montefiore's schizophrenic patients. In part because antipsychotic medications are strongly associated with weight gain (due to appetite-enhancing and metabolism-disrupting side effects), and in part because this “is not a cohort that's running marathons and leading organized lifestyles,” says Parsons with empathy, many of these patients die of heart disease.

"The problem is that we bifurcate their care," Parsons says. Psychiatrists look after the mind and physicians look after the body. It would be better if both sides kept an eye on all aspects of their patients' health, from establishing that their vaccines and diabetes tests are up to date to confirming that their prescriptions for antipsychotics are actually being filled. But this isn't happening. "There are alerts in our health-records software that can prompt doctors to do the right thing," Parsons says, but at Montefiore, "We've done something I think not quite bright, where your flu vaccine alert, for example, only goes to your primary care physician." She contrasts Montefiore with the Kaiser Permanente integrated medical system, where alerts for both routine and patient-specific procedures go to every doctor a patient sees: "If you walk into the dermatologist's office at Kaiser and you haven't had your mammogram, the dermatologist

will remind you." Today's meeting, with administrators from Montefiore's clinical-records department, is the latest of many she has had during the effort to move Montefiore toward a similar integrated approach to patient care.

More meetings tick past by the hour in Parsons's planner: on Montefiore's "data-informed opioid response collaborative," involving community groups and social services in the Hudson Valley north of New York City; and on "SDH clinical documentation and codes." As Montefiore screens its patients for social determinants of health (SDH) such as housing and education, says Parsons, "we have to find a way" to align the additional data with "medical coding lingo . . . the numeral codes that represent a disease"

Parsons with Jimmy Ali, owner/manager of the Bronx New Way Deli and Grocery. Ali recently added low-sodium canned beans and whole-wheat pasta to the bodega's offerings.



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(e.g., 140.9, for hypertension). Parsons will also meet this day with representatives of the Montefiore Nurse-Family Partnership, “a wonderful program for first-time moms, of which we have a lot here in the Bronx.” (Even after an almost 50 percent drop since 2005, teen pregnancy rates in the Bronx are the highest in New York City, at about 70 per 1,000 teenage girls.)

Diverse as the appointments are, common threads run through them all. There is a medical issue—a matter for Montefiore’s doctors and nurses. There is an organizational issue—a matter of enacting a new protocol, or opening a new line of communication. There are the patients and the community—the people of the Bronx. And there is the need for someone who can pull these threads together. “I work at a system level and at a community level,” says Parsons. “Doing one helps me understand what I need to do the other. I like having feet in both canoes.”

There’s a way in which Parsons would like to blur the distinction between the hospital and the community. In a given year, fully one-third of the Bronx’s residents pass through the Montefiore system. And in addition to being the Bronx’s largest hospital by far, Montefiore is the borough’s largest employer; many of its 33,000 employees are locals. (Parsons commutes from Lower Manhattan.) When the hospital uprooted from Manhattan in 1913 and moved to the borough northward, the Bronx had just entered a 40-year population boom (a million people arrived between 1910 and 1950), which was followed by a 40-year demographic swing from mostly white to mostly non-white. And as the borough grew and changed, the hospital grew and changed with it. When Parsons talks about reaching out to the community, she is really talking about improving a relationship of long standing.

The Bronx was never as lawless or as gritty as Hollywood made it out to be in movies such as *The Warriors* (1979). But it is still, for many of its residents, a tough place to live. Though crime rates have plummeted in every borough since the 1990s, the Bronx’s rates lead in

many categories, including murder (with 54 in the first half of 2018), rape (214), assault (1,688), and robbery (3,092). Half a dozen major highways fragment the borough’s neighborhoods and fill the air with fumes and soot. Its public housing complexes—“the projects”—isolate families from places of work, play, education, and worship. Ninety percent of Bronx residents are members of a minority group, predominantly Latino and black. More than half speak a language other than English at home. More than a third were not born in the United States.

None of these characteristics, on its own, accounts for another of the Bronx’s burdens: poor health. But all produce what Parsons calls “headwinds.” An abundance of bodegas—cheap, all-night corner shops—means junk food is everywhere, and many Bronx residents eat poorly, even when fresh fruits and vegetables are available. Obesity and diabetes are huge problems, affecting one in three and one in five adults, respectively (both rates well above the citywide average). And blood pressure trends high: 36 percent of adults in the Bronx suffer hypertension, versus 29 percent in New York City as a whole. The Bronx ranks first among New York State’s counties for death by heart disease.

One of Parsons’s first efforts at Montefiore, in 2014, was the implementation of a diabetes prevention program. Studies elsewhere had shown that at-risk patients who met regularly, one-on-one, with a nutrition counselor had lower rates of developing diabetes than patients given medication. The counseling approach, moreover, was far cheaper than the pills. After the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention approved group sessions, the cost per patient per program dropped to just above \$200. In the Bronx, nutrition counseling had been the bailiwick of the YMCA. Parsons helped shift the effort to the hospital. There patients, she says, were taught about “activities, calorie tracking, shopping, when you fall off the wagon how to get back on, how to create infrastructure around you for support—generally, all the things that, if you grew up in a healthy family, were always around you.” The goal of the 16-week course was to ingrain a whole new lifestyle. “You can’t do it over a weekend,” Parsons says. “That would be the equivalent of, ‘Well, if one pill a day works, maybe I’ll take all seven on Monday.’”



LEFT: A Montefiore sign in Ali's bodega. OPPOSITE: Parsons, in the stacks of the Restaurant Depot/Jetro Cash and Carry, a wholesale food supplier located in a warehouse district in the South Bronx.

It has proven astonishingly effective. "In general, our participants lose about 3.5 percent of their body weight," Parsons says, "which generally translates to a 27 to 30 percent reduction in the progression to diabetes in the next three years."

The effort, called the Diabetes Prevention Program, helped establish the model for Parsons's continuing work. The typical approach to population health had long been to treat illnesses that already existed. ("Let's wait till someone has diabetes or kidney failure and *then* do something," Parsons says acidly.) At Montefiore, the focus is on reaching people before they are sick and helping them manage and improve their health—getting fitter and happier. The strategy is not radical these days, but at Montefiore and a minority of hospitals around the country, it is now baked into the business model.

For about a quarter of Montefiore's patients—whether on Medicaid, Medicare, or a commercial insurance plan—the hospital doesn't issue bills to be paid by patients and

their insurers, the so-called fee-for-service model that predominates in this country. Rather, Montefiore takes a significant percentage of these patients' insurance premiums as a block grant from the insurers, with the license to spend the money more or less as it sees fit. Accountable Care Organizations, as hospitals that work this way are known, are becoming increasingly common in U.S. healthcare. "It's an evolving field," says Parsons, and Montefiore was an early adopter of the practice, beginning in 1996.

Under this risk-based model, Montefiore assumes substantial financial responsibility—if a patient's treatment costs more than the grant, the hospital covers the difference—but gains the freedom to be smart and creative about care. And if a patient's care costs less than the grant, the "profit" can be plowed into programs to help people avoid getting sick in the first place.

As a result, Parsons says excitedly, "we are incentivized to do preventative care. But also, we are no longer restricted by thinking about 'what does Medicaid pay for?'" The majority of Montefiore Medical Center's patients rely on Medicare (37 percent) or Medicaid (45 percent). Her voice rises and her words rush. "Medicaid doesn't pay for an air conditioner. You can't bill an air conditioner to Empire Blue Cross. But that might be why the little old lady keeps coming back to the emergency room! Once you take the premium and have it as operating budget, you can buy her one. You untether from the restrictions of 'benefits.'"

This freedom has produced some remarkable programs.

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Take the Healthy Store Initiative: the effort, begun in 2015, to get bodegas, those all-night corner shops, to promote healthier foods. Parsons had her data analyst (“He’s phenomenal”) identify Bronx census tracts with 300-plus diabetes patients *and* a high number of bodegas, and then trained her persuasive efforts on them. There was no formal launch—“We just began approaching bodegas,” she says. For their part, the bodega owners were receptive to the idea—but warned that the healthy stuff had to sell. So Parsons and her team helped them with Marketing 101. “A lot of the bodega owners go and buy their fruits and vegetables in these boxes and then they leave them in there, where they’re not getting aerated, and they spoil. So we worked with them on making displays.” But what about when the bananas eventually go brown?, the bodega owners asked. Answer: “That’s the perfect banana to put in a smoothie.” So we buy them blenders.” Mindful of the importance of sales, Parsons worked to build up a base of customers, too: The diabetes-prevention groups

started taking bodega field trips, learning how to read nutrition labels and getting a taste for salads. In 2015, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation awarded its Culture of Health Prize to the Bronx and its “policymakers, healthcare professionals, nonprofits, and individuals across [the] borough.” The foundation quoted Parsons about working “outside” the usual silos and cited the bodega project.

Under Parsons’s guidance, the hospital system has tackled asthma—in partnership with local clergy and other community groups—by funding the renovation of mold- and vermin-afflicted homes; “hotspotted” specific neighborhoods hit hardest by flu for free vaccination deliveries; and gathered troves of borough-wide health-related data via a survey of every Montefiore patient (“Have you struggled to feed your family in the past 12 months? Do you have pests in your home?”).

“Every system is engineered for the outcomes it gets,” Parsons says. “And so whenever we want to change out-



comes, we know it's not a matter of, 'Work harder, do better!' It's a matter of reengineering the system." The projects change but the strategy of working with the community remains a constant. "If you want to get rid of the problem," Parsons says emphatically, "you *have* to do these things."

In a break between meetings, Parsons describes how she got here. At Boston College (and then known as Amanda Heron), "I was hyper-pre-med." A freshman from North Brunswick, New Jersey, she'd been selected to join the third class of presidential scholars, but "all my classes were science, all my electives were science-related. I was like a tunnel-visioned persona all through college." She describes herself even then as an "adrenaline junkie in the healthcare setting," working as an EMT with the North Brunswick First Aid and Rescue Squad, and volunteering in the emergency rooms at St. Peter's and Robert Wood Johnson hospitals in nearby New Brunswick. Certain she wanted to be a doctor, after graduation she reluctantly took a summer desk job at a New Jersey cancer research company, Theradex, to kill a few months before medical school began. But to her surprise, she loved being part of a team analyzing research in an office environment. Sensing a new calling, she asked for a year's deferment to continue the work, and Columbia Medical School said yes.

At Columbia a few years later, and once again certain that medicine was her calling ("I was going to be an ER doc"), she stumbled onto yet another new interest, via her then boyfriend. "Everything I would describe about the [medical] system not working, he would have a solution for. I was like, You're this weird tech guy from California, why is it that you know how to solve these problems and I don't? And his response was, 'Oh, from business school. Don't think of it as, We crank out bankers,' he said. 'Think of it as a toolkit that you can use in your career.'" So Parsons entered a joint program at Columbia and earned her MBA as well.

With both degrees in hand, in 2003 she joined the international consulting firm McKinsey & Company (she'd impressed during a summer internship, helping New Jersey Transit cut costs in its bus division). But still medicine called, so in mid-2005 she took a sabbatical to do a residency in internal medicine at Beth Israel Hospital in Manhattan. And finally she found peace: "At the end of the year, I knew: I'm not going to be a doctor. I get it now. I want to work on problems *around* clinical situations."

Back she went to McKinsey, where she special-

ized in teaming up with healthcare companies, and then, in January 2008, she joined New York's City Hall. "The Bloomberg administration had a kick-ass health department," she says, and Parsons fit right into the businesslike atmosphere. (She was nine months pregnant with her son when she applied—Parsons also has a daughter—and she was nervous about needing to take maternity leave so soon. "But they said, 'That's good, because it takes us six months to hire.' That was one thing Bloomberg was not able to fix, the speed of hiring.")

Parsons rose quickly through the ranks, becoming deputy commissioner within four years, and leading initiatives to improve healthcare access for New Yorkers, expand electronic medical record-keeping, and reform outdated practices at Rikers Island, the city's jail complex holding some 7,500 mostly pretrial inmates. At Rikers, she says, "I worked very hard to bring down the number of people being held in punitive segregation—reducing the number of people sent there, reducing the amount of time they spent there—and helped create units that allowed for more social contact and programming for inmates who were put in punitive segregation."

BELOW AND OPPOSITE:
During a conference call with Somos, a Bronx Hispanic physicians network, Parsons is joined by Montefiore administrators Anika Joseph (left) and Nicolette Guillou.





But “the ultimate highlight,” she says, was working with her team “to create clinical alternatives to punitive segregation for inmates with serious mental illness.” She made it easier for medical professionals on the outside to obtain Rikers health records after their patients’ release from jail, and she created channels for involving community mental healthcare providers in the discharge process. Six months after Bloomberg left office in January 2014, Parsons left city government for Montefiore.

It’s 1:00 now. Parsons has been on the phone for more than two hours, and it is time for a break and a bit of lunch. Before we set out, she takes a moment to reflect. “There’s a lot of work that needs to be done in the Bronx,” she says. “You never get out of bed and think, ‘Eh, what’s the need?’” She gestures out the window toward the streets. “The pot-

holes in TriBeCa”—a wealthy Manhattan neighborhood—“were cleaned up pretty nicely this winter. There’s still a bunch of them here. We have the greatest need and are the last to get services. So it feels good to do the work here.”

The sidewalks around the hospital are filled with patients, visitors, and hospital staff, their faces and clothing reflecting the Bronx’s patchwork. A lunch spot across the street from one of the hospital entrances proves popular with everyone. It was once a typical bodega, full of junk food, Parsons says. But in recent years, it has completely reoriented. Now the fridges are stocked with healthy sandwiches, fruit, and seltzer water, and behind a counter running the length of the store, deli workers are putting together greens and smoothies for a clamorous crowd.

Parsons picks up her salad and turns back toward her office, more meetings ahead. ■

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Unbalanced

SEVEN NOTES ON OUR GILDED AGE

FROM A NEW BOOK BY ROSTON COLLEGE, BERKELEY,
AND HARVARD POLITICAL SCIENTISTS

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I. HOUSEHOLD INCOME By a variety of metrics, economic inequality in the United States has grown over the past generation. Detailed information on household income—earnings, dividends, rents, and such government transfers as Social Security—goes back to the passage of the constitutional amendment authorizing the federal income tax in 1913. The share of pretax national income commanded by the top 10 percent and the top 1 percent of American households rose after World War I and peaked in the late 1920s. Then, during World War II, it decreased markedly, remaining relatively stable until the 1970s. During this period, increased income resulting from growth in both productivity and national income benefited the vast majority of middle-class and poor households below the top tenth while the most affluent lagged behind. Then, in the late 1970s, income inequality began to climb.

Between 1979 and 2011, average after-tax household income, as measured in constant dollars, grew quite modestly for those at the bottom of the economic ladder and for the middle-class households that ranked between the 40th and 60th percentile. In contrast, household incomes for those in the top 20 percent increased substantially. But only the top 10 percent saw their *share* of after-tax income grow, and the gains went disproportionately to the top 1—and even the top 0.1—percent.

While discussions of increasing economic inequality tend to focus on the extent to which the rich have become richer compared to the middle class, a trend less-often noticed is the fact that, by some metrics, the poor have gotten poorer. After decreasing for a number of years during the 1960s, the poverty rate leveled off and has varied within a relatively narrow range since then. The relative stability of the poverty rate obscures the trend toward deeper poverty among poor households, however. Between 1996 and 2011, the number of people who live in extreme poverty—that is, who live for at least one month a year on no more than \$2 a day per person—doubled.

II. EARNINGS The story about earnings parallels that for household income. For most households, the principal source of income is earnings—wages and salaries derived from paid work. Wage and price controls during World War II resulted in substantial wage compression, especially among high-wage earners. Surprisingly, when the controls were lifted, the share of wages commanded by top earners did not immediately bounce back to prewar levels. However, in the 1970s it began to increase steadily before skyrocketing in the late 1980s and late 1990s. Between 1979 and 2015—a period during which productivity gains were

substantial—workers in the lowest 10 percent actually lost ground in terms of real wages, and improvements in real wages for all but those in the top 20 percent were modest.

Although much has been made of returns that accrue to those who invest in higher education, what is striking is the extent to which the fruits of economic and productivity growth in recent decades accrued so disproportionately to those at the very, very top and not to workers who have college diplomas or advanced degrees. Between 1979 and 2010, the wage and salary income of the vast majority of Americans in the bottom 90 percent grew in real terms by 15 percent. Those in the 90th to 99th percentile saw their paychecks grow by 46 percent. The analogous figures for those in the stratosphere, the top 1 percent and .01 percent, are 131 percent growth and 278 percent growth, respectively.

Meanwhile, total compensation of CEOs at the nation's largest corporations shot up by almost 1,000 percent between 1978 and 2014, a trend fueled, at least in part, by the restructuring of executive pay, in particular the inclusion of stock options in compensation packages. In 1965, CEO compensation was, on average, 20 times that of the median worker in the firm. By 2013, that ratio had jumped to 295.9. In that year, Disney's CEO earned 2,238 times the median worker's salary in his company. What is noteworthy is that colossal CEO pay packages seem unrelated to performance. One study showed the compensation of CEOs of large companies that had been through bankruptcy to be only 4 percent below the median for all CEOs of large companies.

At the same time, the safety net provided by fringe benefits from private employers frayed in terms of both availability and generosity. Although the Affordable Care Act of 2010 increased the share of Americans with health insurance, copays and deductibles also increased. In addition, the share of workers who qualify for unemployment compensation if they lose their jobs declined, and defined-contribution retirement plans replaced defined-benefit pensions, so that workers cannot rely on a steady, predictable pension when they retire. Eighty-four percent of full-time workers in private establishments with at least 100 employees had defined-benefit pension plans in 1980. By 2015, that figure had fallen to 25 percent.

III. WEALTH The pattern of substantial, and increasing, inequality is even more dramatic for wealth: that is, the assets held by a household, such as housing, consumer durables, businesses, savings, and investments. Wealth—especially financial wealth such as equities, bank deposits, and bonds—has always been more unevenly divided than either earnings or household income. In 2012, the top 1 percent of households by wealth commanded fully 42 percent of wealth in the country.

Opposite: A section of *Integrity Protecting the Works of Man* (1904, by John Quincy Adams Ward), on the pediment of the New York Stock Exchange.

Over time, changes in the concentration of wealth parallel the pattern for earnings and household income. The share of wealth owned by the top 1 percent reached a peak in the late 1920s and bottomed out in the 1970s before turning upward again in the late 1970s. Between 1978 and 2012, the share of the nation's wealth held by the top 1 percent rose sharply from 7 percent to 22 percent, nearly as much as the 23 percent of national wealth in the hands of the bottom 90 percent.

An important aspect of the unequal division of wealth is the divide by race or ethnicity. Black and Latino households command, on average, much less wealth than non-Hispanic white households, and these inequalities in wealth are much more pronounced than analogous inequalities in income or wages. Blacks and Latinos are less likely to be homeowners and more likely to owe more than they own.

IV. THE UNITED STATES IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE Most rich countries have witnessed increasing income inequality in recent decades, but the United States and the United Kingdom have led the way. The United States was actually less economically unequal than the powers of Europe in the early 20th century. By the 21st, it was the most economically unequal of a group of 14 rich countries.

A key driver of increasing inequality in the United States is the explosion in compensation to those at the top. In what the French economist Thomas Piketty calls a "hyper-meritocratic society," the "peak of the income hierarchy is dominated by very high incomes from labor rather than by inherited wealth." Whether quarterbacks or Oscar-winning actors or, more commonly, financiers and corporate chieftains, America's winners are well paid indeed. In contrast, at the bottom of the hierarchy, compensation for low-skilled work is stingy compared to such pay in other countries. Furthermore, government benefits are not particularly generous, and taxes are not especially redistributive in the United States. Taken together, these multiple factors interact to produce a higher level of inequality in disposable income in the United States than in other developed democracies.

V. MAYBE IT DOESN'T MATTER: AMERICAN AFFLUENCE Two arguments are made suggesting that we need not be too troubled about income inequality in the United States. One makes the point that the high level of affluence in America implies a higher, even though unequal, standard of living for all. Not unexpectedly, Americans in the top 20 percent continue to be better off than their counterparts in other affluent countries. In the middle of the spectrum, the United States has long outranked other affluent countries with respect to median income, but other countries are catching up fast. In 2014, median income in

Canada surpassed that in the United States. Toward the bottom of the income ladder, however, the United States lags behind other rich nations. According to one comparative study, "Low-paid workers in the United States—the most productive economy in the world—have markedly lower living standards than low-paid workers in other advanced economies." In sum, American affluence compensates somewhat for those in the middle and not at all for those at the bottom of the ladder.

VI. MAYBE IT DOESN'T MATTER: THE AMERICAN DREAM Another argument implying that we should not get overly concerned about income inequality emphasizes the "American Dream." It comes in two versions. One focuses on absolute improvements in standard of living over the life cycle or across generations, regardless of whether the improvement also involves a relative as well as an absolute rise in earnings. Sluggish wage growth over much of the period since the mid-1970s implies that achieving this version of the American Dream has become harder for middle- and lower-income Americans. Over the life cycle, earnings tend to increase with age as workers gain experience and seniority, but they increase less sharply than they once did. American standards of living have improved even though wages have stagnated, but only because families are smaller in the post-Baby Boom era; workforce participation, especially by married women, has risen; and consumer indebtedness has increased.

Another definition of the American Dream posits that opportunities for success, while differential, are available to the talented and industrious irrespective of initial circumstances of disadvantage. American ideology to the contrary, rags-to-riches—and riches-to-rags—stories, however newsworthy, are exceptional. We are not all equal at the starting point, and recent research shows considerable correspondence between circumstances into which individuals are born and the economic rewards that accrue to successive generations. For example, children who have the good fortune to be born to affluent, well-educated parents are better off in myriad ways. Among others, they are more likely to grow up with two biological parents; live in a home that cultivates attitudes, interests, habits, and personal traits that are helpful in school and in the marketplace; benefit from parental investments in their development; achieve academically; afford college tuitions and have advisors who are able to guide them through the process of applying to college and finding financial aid, if needed; and have access to social networks that provide mentors and contacts.

The United States is anything but the leader when it comes to providing opportunities for success regardless of condition of disadvantage. In a group of 13 affluent democracies, the Nordic countries exhibit the most social

mobility from generation to generation. Along with the United Kingdom and Italy, the United States has the least social mobility. What is more, among rich countries, those with higher levels of income inequality tend also to be those where advantage passes from one generation to the next. In sum, there is no evidence at all that the opportunities for success for the talented and industrious promised by the American Dream compensate for inequality in America.

VII. HOW CAN WE EXPLAIN THE GROWING GAP?

Sorting out the multiple causes of increasing economic inequality is difficult. Researchers agree that market forces such as skill-based technological change, international trade, and domestic outsourcing are significant factors. The role of politics is more controversial, but government policies—on matters ranging from taxes to means-tested benefits to the regulation of employment practices—shape the way markets function and the distribution of income. And government inaction is also part of the story. For example, the failure to raise the minimum wage with inflation or to regulate worker-unfriendly practices like the increased use of forced arbitration in disputes with employees or the widespread requirement, even for workers with limited skills, to sign non-compete covenants when accepting employment have probably adversely affected the income distribution.

Both reflecting and exacerbating the trend toward

increasing economic inequality is a set of developments—most notably, changes to campaign finance rules that permit those with deep pockets to make nearly unlimited campaign contributions; and the decline of labor unions—that have reduced the political voice of ordinary people. Candidates from both parties have appealed to the resentments engendered by these circumstances. However, in an era of deep partisan division and antagonism, rhetoric has been more common than constructive solutions. Stay tuned. America is still sorting this out. ■

These notes were drawn and adapted from *Unequal and Unrepresented: Political Inequality and the People's Voice in the New Gilded Age*, by Kay Lehman Schlozman (Moakley Professor of Political Science at Boston College), Henry E. Brady (dean of the Goldman School of Public Policy and Class of 1941 Monroe Deutsch Professor of Political Science and Public Policy at the University of California, Berkeley), and Sidney Verba (the Pforzheimer University Professor Emeritus and Research Professor of Government at Harvard University). Copyright © 2018 by Princeton University Press. Reprinted by permission. The book may be ordered at a discount from the Boston College Bookstore via Full Story, at bcm.bc.edu.

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QUICK FACTS

COMPARABLE PAY



In 2013, America's 25 highest-paid hedge fund managers made more than twice as much as all the kindergarten teachers in the country taken together.

COMPARABLE FAMILY WEALTH



In 2013, the combined family wealth of just six members of the Walton family (the heirs to Walmart) added up to more than the wealth of 52.5 million families, or 42.9 percent of all U.S. families.

FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE—ADJUSTED



The minimum wage was \$2.65 per hour in 1978. Had it kept up with the cost of living, it would have been \$9.62—not \$7.25—in 2014. If it had kept up with the increase in compensation of CEOs of large corporations, it would have been \$95.97 in 2014.

POVERTY GAPS IN 34 RICH COUNTRIES—BEST TO WORST



As measured by the poverty gap—that is, the percentage by which the mean income of the poor falls below the poverty line—the poor in the United States are quite poor indeed. In a group of 34 rich countries, only in Korea, Mexico, and Spain is the poverty gap higher.

MERIT AID AND WEALTH



In state university systems, merit aid flows disproportionately to those who are less needy: About one in five students from households with annual incomes over \$250,000 receive merit aid—in contrast to one in 10 from families making less than \$30,000.

Eagle Intern Fellow Jaime Martinez '20,
on the east steps of the U.S. Capitol.





OPEN SEASON

A University fellowship program
makes coveted internships pay,
even when they don't

BY ZACHARY JASON

Forty-three percent of college internships nationwide today are unpaid, according to the National Association of Colleges and Employers. Many academically qualified Boston College students can't afford to participate or need to take on paying jobs in addition to an internship. (To supplement an internship at Boston's alt-weekly newspaper the *Phoenix*, I spent nights as Brighton's least intimidating bouncer at Roggie's, RIP.) In 2014, the Career Center launched a program to "remove financial barriers, so any student can explore any career" of personal interest says director Joseph DuPont. Funded by the University and by gifts, the Eagle Intern Fellowship provides each recipient with a \$3,500 stipend. Between 150 and 250 rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors apply every year. Of this year's 71 Eagle Fellows, 21 percent are first-generation college students and 39 percent are AHANA (African-American, Hispanic, Asian, or Native American).

Recipients pair with "career coaches" from among the center's staff of 17, and share reflections on their work over Skype at the beginning, middle, and end of their internships. In September, they participate in a public poster session.

This year's awardees, who during the school year study within 26 of the University's majors, have been working during the summer in 12 states and 10 countries, in venues ranging from a veterinary clinic in Watertown to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in Jordan, the Eradicate Childhood Obesity Foundation in Cambridge, and the Museo de Arte Moderno in Buenos Aires. In June and July, BCM visited Eagle Fellows at work in Boston, New York, Washington, D.C., Houston, and Cape Town, South Africa.



Karissa Mokoban '20

John W. McCormack Building, 19th floor
Boston, Massachusetts

ABOVE: Mokoban (right) outside the attorney general's office with Madeline Raster, an intern from Harvard. OPPOSITE: In a 19th-floor conference room with Raster and intern Danielle Miles-Langaine from the University of Pennsylvania.

Because Karissa Mokoban spends most of her day analyzing and cataloging classified documents pertaining to ongoing criminal investigations, the office of Massachusetts attorney general Maura Healey denied BCM's request to play fly on the wall while Mokoban worked. "Karissa handles extremely sensitive and confidential material," said administrative assistant Marsha Cohen, Mokoban's supervisor. Instead, I'm asked to pass through security in the lobby and take the elevator to the criminal bureau on the 19th floor, where a receptionist, behind bulletproof glass, unlocks the entrance and leads me to a small conference room veiled by frosted glass. Mokoban sits upright in a Kelly green blazer over a black dress. Cohen and deputy press secretary Chloe Gotsis sit nearby to monitor the discussion. "I'll try to walk you through my day without leaking anything," Mokoban says, laughing.

On Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, she enters her cubicle down the hall from the conference room at 9:00 and checks her email, reading briefings about the latest

investigations. Among dozens of other cases this summer, the office has sued the giant opioid maker Purdue Pharma for misleading doctors about the dangers of OxyContin and the Environmental Protection Agency for illegally rolling back climate protection regulations, and is leading an 11-state investigation into a “no-poach” agreement by eight fast-food companies that prevents employees from switching franchises. “A lot of this summer is about learning how many different ways people try to commit crimes,” says the sociology major.

Then she’ll set to work on her latest project. As cases develop, attorneys from across the criminal bureau email her case files and visit her desk to explain the investigation. “By the time I’m on a project, I know how it will connect with the investigation as a whole.” So far she’s worked with the state police and the divisions of human trafficking, of enterprise, major, and cyber crimes, and of financial investigations. “It turns out everything isn’t resolved by the end of the [television] episode,” she says. In July, Mokoban spent about 40 percent of her time on spreadsheets, logging bank statements, time sheets, and other financial data. “My Excel skills have grown exponentially,” she says. “But I know now that I don’t want to work with numbers all day.” She also transcribes witness interviews—“that’s when I’m most alert, and I feel the empathy building in me”—and analyzes and documents surveillance footage, second by second. Every

two weeks, she also runs the reception desk, fielding calls from citizens filing criminal complaints.

Mokoban, who was raised by her Haitian immigrant parents in Vero Beach, Florida, is considering joint advanced degree programs in law and public health, but she is still exploring potential careers. “I applied to this office because I wanted exposure to a lot of sectors,” she says. “And Maura Healey, being the first openly gay attorney general in the United States, and having the mentality of helping people that I have, definitely spoke to me.”

A few times a week, Mokoban researches staff in the Attorney General’s healthcare division one floor below, and then emails them asking to learn more about their work. She also attends the office’s many programs for its 40 undergraduate interns, which include training sessions for deposition taking, writing motions, and investigating cybercrimes. The interns also attend trials, “meet-the-attorneys” networking events, and moot court sessions. “Wow do they give harsh, blunt, but very constructive feedback,” Mokoban says. “I’m searching for a word that’s more sophisticated than ‘chill,’ but everyone here is level-headed,” she says. “They’re wrestling with intense investigations, but it’s reassuring that they don’t let that stop them from living normal lives.”

After exactly 45 minutes, the press secretary ends the interview. Mokoban has just received a new, classified assignment and deadline.



Matthew Yan '21

University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center,
sixth floor, Anesthesiology and Perioperative
Medicine Lab, Houston, Texas

BELOW: Yan pipettes purified
jellyfish protein samples into
test tubes. Post-doc Zhang can
be seen at left. OPPOSITE: Yan
with his lab notebook.

Alone in a compact lab with warbling centrifuges, spinning trays of test tubes, rows of micropipettes marked with all-caps radioactive signs, and a microwave—"Don't know what that's for yet, but it's not for lunch," he says—Matt Yan pulls a beaker containing 300 millimeters of a fizzy, lemonade-colored solution from a refrigerator. He's spent two weeks cultivating and diluting the mixture—a saline broth of isopropyl-D-1-thiogalactopyranoside, which triggers protein expression, and *E. coli* cells carrying GFP, a bright green fluorescent protein found in jellyfish and used as a marker in cellular biology. With slicked black hair and wearing a black button-up, black track pants, blue plastic gloves, and an oversized white lab coat with the name of a former post-doctoral fellow stitched over the breast pocket, Yan carries the beaker across the hall into a room filled with large freezers belonging to labs in MD Anderson's Center for Neuroscience and Pain Research. He places the beaker in an incubator shaker, which resembles a microwave. He sets





the machine to 2.8 degrees Celsius (37 degrees Fahrenheit), and sets his iPhone alarm for four hours later. At that point, the protein may or may not be pure, and he may or may not be one step closer to answering the main question to which he's devoting his summer in Texas: Do isotopes Carbon-12 and Carbon-13 affect the florescence of GFP differently? The answer may open up another avenue of testing. "It's exhausting. Hard work is *hard*. I'm finally seeing the struggle of being an adult," says the 18-year-old Yan.

The biochemistry major spent much of his freshman winter break at home in San Francisco researching labs across the country and emailing principal investigators he wanted to work with. The lab of Jiusheng Yan (no relation)

investigates the structure, function, and regulation of ion channels related to pain, "something we all experience every day but most of us know nothing about."

As the lab's only intern, Yan enjoys a one-on-one apprenticeship with Jiyuan Zhang, the lab's soft-spoken, meticulous, postdoctoral fellow. Zhang has worked at the lab since 2013 and ceaselessly pivots around the lab like a fly on a mission. Before Yan runs any experiment, Zhang spends hours demonstrating each step—how to manipulate a rotovapor, how to analyze CRISPR, how to measure mass spectrometry. "You can train a monkey to run a Western blot [a process using antibodies to detect proteins]," Zhang has said to Yan, but "scientists have true understanding of why we use each technique." "The greatest luxury is having the time to constantly ask why," Yan adds. "Why pour this quantity of LB broth? Why is calcium signaling important to pain medicine?"

Once he's learned a method, Yan is often free to experiment unsupervised. At Friday afternoon lab meetings, he shares his findings from the week and his goals for the next week via PowerPoint, receiving feedback from Xin Guan, the lab's other post-doc, and the principal investigator. "I've learned to present data so much more effectively."

"The amount of waiting time in a lab surprised me the most," he says midway through his 12-week stint in Houston. While his bacteria grows or his protein activates, Yan watches Zhang conduct his own experiments, reads recent papers on

pain medicine research, and grabs Chick-fil-A in the cafeteria. A few times a week, he takes a shuttle bus to the South Campus—MD Anderson spans eight million square feet of labyrinthine buildings over 63 acres—and shadows his older sister, a graduate research assistant for a laboratory that develops gene therapies to treat brain cancer.

At 2:30 P.M., Yan pulls his solution from the incubator and finds that the protein is riddled with contaminants; the experiment is a bust. "It's humbling to fail almost every day," he says, laughing. "I'm learning that you have to be willing to devote years to a project that may amount to nothing. But science is failure." The next day, Zhang will teach Yan how to purify the protein by hand.



Jaime Martinez '20

Cannon House Office Building, Room 437,
Washington, D.C.

Jaime Martinez sits at the back of a compact, high-ceilinged, wood-paneled office that houses 11 others—on the phone, marking up documents, or typing at their desks—on June 26. Beneath three-foot-tall portraits of a white-tailed deer, a desert cardinal, a Gulf squareback crab, and other flora and fauna of Texas's 34th district, which borders Mexico, he is hunched over a laptop in a simple wood chair. In the three

weeks since the rising junior political science major began interning for Democratic U.S. Representative Filemón Vela Jr., he's been fielding up to 10 phone calls a day from constituents concerned about the Trump Administration's family separation immigration policy (which was suspended on June 20). His task this morning is to create a sheet of bullet points comparing the number of children who remain apart from their families as reported by CNN, MSNBC, Fox News, CBS, and other networks. Vela will cite the variance among these statistics in interviews with the media and when debating on the House floor.

Growing up in Mexico City, Martinez was "fascinated by the way American politicians used their intellect and their personality to try to change history." He immigrated with his family to the border town of Brownsville (within the 34th district) when he was 15, and saw Vela speak at his high school. Last winter, he called the same constituent hotline he now answers and inquired about an internship. "I didn't want to just apply online. I wanted to apply to a person."

ABOVE: Martinez (right), with press aide Benjamin Cole, in Congressman Vela's office.
OPPOSITE: In a fourth-floor Cannon corridor.

Martinez spends his 8:30 to 5:30 workdays in this bustling office on Independence Avenue. He conducts research on pending bills; translates constituents' letters and social media posts from Spanish to English; stocks office supplies; ships surplus books from the Library of Congress to underserved schools in the 34th; attends and writes briefings on caucus meetings and special interest lectures (topics have ranged from human trafficking to Canadian tariffs on American lumber); and pinballs across the cavernous, marble-floored Cannon Building to pop into its many 10-foot-high doors and ask other U.S. Representatives to sign various petitions his Congressman authors (e.g., to convince the president to declare a state of emergency, from flooding, in the Rio Grande Valley). Once a week Martinez gives visiting Texans up-to-two-hour tours of the U.S. Capitol. "It slows down a lot when Congress isn't in session. That's when you struggle to prove yourself," says Martinez. "You want to keep asking, What can I do? But you don't want to constantly disrupt. That's a useful skill I'm learning: keeping busy even when it's not busy."

At 10:15, an electronic bell warns, from the 15-foot ceiling, of a pending vote on the House floor (on the Endangered Salmon and Fisheries Predation Prevention Act), and Vela darts out of his open office next door. "Watching him from up close," says Martinez, "I see how sleep-deprived he is travelling back and forth from the district, how many meetings and endless follow-ups there are to introducing and writing and passing every bill, the tirelessness and conscientiousness it takes to represent your people."

The bell was also Martinez's cue to head to a conversation on "Free Markets, Individual Liberty, and Civil Society," between U.S. Senators Rand Paul (R-Kentucky) and Mike Lee (R-Utah). Martinez signs up for several congressional lectures a week, often given by members on the other side of the aisle. "I'm trying to absorb as many perspectives here as possible." Over the hour-long dialogue, Martinez fills eight pages in his black congressional notepad, underlining a note to read Federalist Paper 51 that night. Walking back from the Russell Senate Building, he pauses

outside the Supreme Court to watch hundreds chant "Keep families together," in protest of the *Trump v. Hawaii* decision moments earlier to uphold a travel ban.

After a quick lunch in the basement cafeteria, Martinez watches a few minutes of the Australia-Peru World Cup soccer match at the press assistant's desk. He sorts through the day's foot-thick bundle of mail (which has been screened for poison), and throws away an issue of *Hustler*. "The publisher [Larry Flynt] has mailed every issue to every member of Congress since the 1980s," says the press assistant. The office's legislative director, Julie Merberg, asks Martinez to file a brief on the top five reasons citizens of Central America's Northern Triangle—El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras—are migrating to the United States.

"On days with nonstop action, I get very excited to come back here after I graduate," says Martinez.



Tia Rashke '19

Southern African Bishops'
Conference Parliamentary Liaison
Office, Cape Town

BY CHRISTOPHER CLARK

Almost 25 years since the dawn of democracy in South Africa, Cape Town remains one of the most segregated cities in a country of stark inequality. As property prices skyrocket in a cosmopolitan and rapidly gentrifying city center, the city's black South African population continues to be routinely relegated to the impoverished peripheries. Over the past six months, beginning in February, Tia Rashke, a theology major from Madison, Wisconsin, has had a chance to view the city close-up, first as a student for a semester at the University of Cape Town, and this summer as an intern with the Southern African Bishops' Conference Parliamentary Liaison Office, located near South Africa's parliament buildings and within sight and sound of regular protests that speak to the persisting injustices of post-apartheid South Africa.

Rashke arrived in Cape Town toward the end of a prolonged drought that threatened to run municipal taps dry. But the winter has been unusually wet, bringing relief, and on a July day it's raining as Rashke works in an office stocked with shelves of bound reports on the nation's history and social issues, car tires hissing on the nearby street. She is

just more than half way through her two-month internship at the bishops' liaison office, where her primary project has been researching and writing a briefing paper on how migrant children are received around the world.

Her interest in the subject was piqued by news coverage of the separation of children from their parents at the U.S.–Mexico border. But her project coordinator, Mike Pothier, encouraged her to take a “global approach” to an issue that also has relevance in South Africa, a country whose relationship with its sizeable immigrant population is often fraught.

During her semester at Cape Town, where she took



ABOVE: Rashke, near Cape Town's St. Mary's Cathedral. OPPOSITE: Working with administrator Robyn-Leigh Adonis, in the liaison office.

courses in “Religion and Politics,” “Crime and Deviance in South African Society,” and “Political Philosophy,” Rashke became involved with the university’s Catholic Students Society, which holds regular church services and social gatherings at its on-campus hub. It was one of the society’s in-house priests who encouraged Rashke to apply for an internship at the liaison office. “I wanted to extend my time in Cape Town as much as possible to integrate myself and learn as much as I could,” Rashke says. Once the college semester was over, she moved from an apartment near campus, on the outskirts of the city, to a loft apartment downtown that’s within a few minutes’ walk of the liaison office.

As well as submitting briefing papers for presentation to parliament, the bishops’ liaison office organizes roundtable events to discuss pressing social issues with relevant NGOs and stakeholders, church leaders, and members of parliament. Through her internship, Rashke has helped to organize some of these events and is writing a briefing paper on detainees awaiting trial that will serve as the basis for the office’s next roundtable meeting.

Rashke, who chose Cape Town for her junior year abroad because she felt it had “more to offer in terms of different experiences and cultures than a university in Europe,” says

the added internship has helped to give her a sense of Cape Town that goes beyond what many short-term visitors are able to obtain. This is largely thanks to the formal discussions she’s been privy to at work and to the willingness of her diverse South African colleagues to share their own personal experiences. Ultimately, Rashke says, she’s come to see Cape Town as a “complicated place,” with so much beauty and so much injustice side by side. “I haven’t yet figured out how to articulate my enjoyment [of the city] alongside the struggles that you see,” she adds. Rashke believes that her biggest challenge has been “trying to figure out what I can contribute as a white American who’s here only for a short period of time,” but says that she has begun to grow “more comfortable” with the fact that there “aren’t all that many easy answers.” At a practical level, she says, her internship has given her more workplace independence than she’s used to, which she’s found “a little disorientating at times but also exciting.” Ultimately, Rashke says, the internship “has confirmed my desire to be part of an environment that’s either related to or within the Catholic Church, and that [faith] doesn’t have to be separate from your work.”

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Daniel Schantz '20

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New York, New York

In a plain black T-shirt, white Bermuda shorts, and running sneakers, Daniel Schantz, who goes by Danny, is among the more formally dressed at *Relix Magazine's* headquarters in Manhattan's Chelsea neighborhood. The red-and-white walls are crowded with oversized prints of magazine covers; psychedelic posters of the Grateful Dead, Phish, and

Cream, some of which are signed; white string lights; and a three-foot-tall orange foam finger with "Fans.com" printed on the palm. Nineteen-seventies reggae plays on surround-sound speakers and Schantz, who is developing a spreadsheet of summer and fall holidays that may be ripe for magazine promotions, swivels in rhythm in his chair at one end of a conference room table he shares with seven other student interns. "Oh word," he calls out. "We've got so many Deadheads among our subscribers. What about August 21, Senior Citizens Day?"

"That's brilliant," says Harrison Ezratty, the magazine's marketing coordinator and Schantz's 24-year-old supervisor, positioned two feet behind Schantz at a desk in the corner.

Relix was founded in 1974 as a handwritten, photocopied newsletter informing Grateful Dead fans of amateur concert recordings, or "relics," as the magazine's founder called them. It's evolved into an eight-times-a-year glossy (circulation: 100,000) dedicated to live music of all genres,





ABOVE: In the archives with Isabella Fertel, an intern from the University of Pennsylvania. OPPOSITE: Schantz (center) with other *Relix* interns. Their supervisor is at far left.

with a heavy emphasis on jam bands. Schantz, an English major who minors in marketing and philosophy, grew up in New Jersey listening to

"all hip-hop all day," until his high school baseball coach played the Grateful Dead one day after practice. "It was thrilling. I didn't know musicians could communicate with each other on that level." Last winter he cold-called *Relix*, which he has been reading avidly for years, and inquired about an internship. "I love music more than anything. But you hear horror stories about the industry. I wanted to have an inside look before making it a career."

So far, *Relix* has only strengthened Schantz's desire to get into the business. Two weeks earlier, eight staff members and nine interns drove in vans to the four-day Bonnaroo music festival in Manchester, Tennessee, and camped together in tents. Each day Schantz worked three four-

hour shifts selling subscriptions to some of the 80,000 festival-goers from a booth (and saw 17 concerts in between). Initially "very timid about trying to sell a print magazine," he learned from watching Ezratty and a sales executive that "people want to be sold. You just have to come to them and engage them first." By the festival's last day, says Schantz, "I called out anyone I saw wearing tie-dye. 'Nice shirt. You like the Dead? Well, have you heard of *Relix*?'"

When he's not working at a festival or concert in Brooklyn or Manhattan (about twice a week), Schantz commutes by train from his childhood home in Hillsborough, New Jersey, to the *Relix* office. He packages posters, T-shirts, and back issues; removes out-of-stock items from the website; helps manage the

magazine's email list; researches potential marketing promotions; and listens to new acts ("screening to see if they have that jammy *Relix* sound") before calling their managers about partnering with the magazine. "I'm in the business of making the staff's lives easier," he says. The magazine has a full-time staff of 17.

At 2:30, *Relix*'s bearded, Hawaiian-shirt-clad video coordinator calls out to Schantz from across the room. "Want to sound manage for the band?" Each week, the magazine streams a live performance of a visiting artist, à la NPR's Tiny Desk Concert series.

The spindly, six-foot-four Schantz steps into the office's cramped, black-walled recording studio, dons ear-engulfing headphones, and begins counting down for the Mike Montrey Band, a folk quartet. Over their three-song set, his eyes focus on the soundboard, dialing down the mic here, turning up the bass's gain there. When they finish, Schantz exclaims, "That was tight!," shakes hands with the musicians, and heads back to his spreadsheet. ■

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From the Burns Library

Accordionist Joe Derrane (1930–2016) was prominent in Boston's Irish music scene by the time he was a teenager, admired for his dexterous, imaginative style. After the dance halls languished in the 1960s, Derrane largely disappeared from music. He was rediscovered in 1993 when his recordings from the 1940s were reissued, and he made a dramatic appearance at the Wolf Trap Irish Festival (many who had come to know his music had assumed he was dead). In 2004 he was awarded a National Heritage Fellowship by the National Endowment for the Arts. His preferred instrument was a D/C# (referring to the scales available) diatonic button box. This version—11.75 inches tall, 7 inches deep, and 12.6-inches long (31.5 inches expanded)—was custom built for Derrane in 1997 of walnut, brass, and leather by French maker Bertrand Gaillard. Along with related papers and recordings, it was a 2017 gift from Derrane's family.



SIDE TRIP

By Suzanne Matson

Dehradun, India, 1930

THE CAR ISN'T THERE. SUN SPANGLES OFF THE WHITE hospital and the white, low, crowded buildings across the street. In front of the buildings, a vendor, sitting cross-legged, stares. He is selling fruit from a basket, his knobby ankles and long bare feet protruding darkly from the ends of his white pajama. Down the street a bony white cow is immobile, head lowered, lost in whatever thought it has. Lost to the white light.

"Can we have our lunch now, Mamma?"

"Yes, of course. When the driver comes back with our hamper." It is 12:30. She thinks of their jam sandwiches, thermoses of tea, tin of biscuits, the black plums that Asha tucked in a bag, ripe from the tree.

But the car is not there. And after another minute it still isn't. Kathryn does an improvised hopscotch beside her without the chalked lines. Like a bird with one leg folded up, she hops then bends down, balancing, and snatches a pebble. She hums to herself.

Elsie wonders if when she said "one hour" and held up one finger, the driver thought she meant "one o'clock." Very possible; she's learned to calculate that every communication between herself and a native has a 50 percent chance of going wrong. They should get themselves out of the heat and go sit in Reception again. She casts one final look up and down the street—surely he understood correctly and will arrive any second. But there is only the unmoving cow, the staring fruit vendor. What will they do if he never comes? No telephone back at the Landour villa. They'll have to use the phone at the hospital to call the office at Woodstock to send a runner to inform Manoj—and then what? When she works herself into this kind of state, J.N. reminds her that if she asks for God's assistance, He will provide it in all ways great and small.

I will lift up mine eyes to the hills; from whence cometh my help.

She does lift her eyes then, even turns her head so she is looking directly at the green hills, the direction of their trip home, their shaded villa, and Manoj and Asha, who will do what needs to be done, speak to the incomprehensible people in the language they can comprehend.

When she returns her gaze to the bleached light of street level, she sees the black car, approaching slowly, then coming to a dignified stop in front of them. Everything the Sikh does is slow and controlled. He unfolds himself from the driver's seat, stands erect as he holds open the door.

In her relief, Elsie gives free rein to her irritation. They were exposed to sun and strangers; he should have been waiting for them in advance of the time. She struggles to govern her feelings, put them away as J.N. always instructs her to. Anger is bad for her blood pressure. But her anger doesn't want to be put away; it spills to her husband, too. He knows she dislikes taking charge of excursions like this. Why isn't he here seeing to things? Why is his work always more important than his family?

"Where did you go?" Kathryn asked the driver. Elsie is taken aback then, as she often is, by Kathryn's matter-of-factness. India, Indians, the slowness, the heat, the mysteries—they are all she has ever known. She is, in fact, a native herself, born in Nainital. It occurs to her that Kathryn has not been at all afraid the driver would not come back for them. She sees the Sikh look down at her daughter, a flicker of a smile.

"Gurudwara," he says.

Elsie is instantly ashamed. His place of worship. They had passed one coming into town, the distinctive tall thin flagpoles, red against the pale stone of the building. J.N. is right about her quick blood, her jumping to conclusions. As she usually does several times during any given day, she asks God to make her better, more patient, less focused on her selfish needs.

IT IS PROBABLY A MISTAKE TO TRY TO EAT WHILE BUMPING along on the road. Their tea will spill, their stomachs will be unsettled. If it were Rahul, their regular driver, he would ask her if she preferred to stop; he would know where, some place that was shady, a park here in town, perhaps. But the Sikh simply climbs back behind the wheel and begins driving this way and that through the streets of town, routing them back to the main road. She could speak up; she could insist. But something in the way he is calmly enclosed in his self, seemingly forgetful of them in the backseat, makes it too hard. In his presence she feels silenced. She has always been quite sure that she doesn't like being mistress to a house of servants, but she is also sure that she doesn't like this: being at the mercy of someone supposedly in her employ who shows utter indifference to her. Who even—she doesn't know how she knows it, for he has not been outwardly rude—clearly wishes she were not here, in his country. He radiates dismissal.

She opens the hamper, pours a half-cup of tea for Kathryn, and says in a brisk and cheerful voice, "We'll just eat as we go, that will be much easier. We'll get back to Landour sooner and you can play with your friends." Kathryn doesn't seem to think anything is amiss in this arrangement. She accepts her tea and tests the temperature. It will have cooled just to the point of warm by now. She drinks the half-cup down, not spilling any. Thirsty girl, Elsie thinks, taking the cup back and pouring her another. She is aware of her own thirst now, but will help Kathryn through her food and drink first, for the sake of neatness.

When her babies were laid in her arms, all she was conscious of was the overwhelming desire to be their refuge. Her mother had died when she was twelve, leaving her as the oldest child with a father who drank up any few dollars that came his way. After her mother's death, Elsie and the other children never had true security until she marched them in the cold, when they hadn't eaten for two days, to the Mennonite Home Mission on the south side of Chicago.

I am here with my sisters and brother, Elsie told the woman with spectacles and a plain blue dress and net cap over her bun, because God has led us here, having no one in this world to turn to.

The woman nodded. You'll want a hot supper before anything else. There's a table for you by the stove.

The Mennonites became her family. Later, she made a new family with J.N., who could make her feel small sometimes but always made her feel safe.

Elsie offers Kathryn another half sandwich, but she shakes her head. She does take a biscuit. When she's all finished, Elsie packs away Kathryn's thermos and napkin, and thinks she has just time to nibble something before the car leaves these gentler curves and begins the serious business of climbing. She remembers the morning, the car swooping with the bends in the road, the sick feeling; she'll eat only enough to keep body and soul together until they arrive.

She has unscrewed her thermos and begun to pour when the car gives a sudden lurch, then pulls left to a patch of gravel at the lip of the embankment and stops. A warm stain of milky tea spreads across her lap. She leans forward.

"What is it?" she asks.

He shrugs.

Kathryn pipes up. "Is something wrong with the car?"

He tilts his head. Maybe yes.

But Elsie didn't feel the thump of a flat tire, didn't hear the flapping of a broken belt, or see a billow of steam from the radiator.

The Sikh turns his head only 10 degrees in their direction. "One minute," he says in English.

He leaves the car and strides several yards ahead to a tea stall perched on the edge of the road. In front of the stall are three cane chairs and a low wood table. The proprietor must be inside, shadowed from Elsie's view. From here she can't tell if they exchange words.

"What's he doing, Mamma?"

"I don't know. Maybe he is asking about something." She keeps her voice relaxed for the sake of her child. If J.N. were here he would be out of the car and following the fellow, talking to him in English or Hindi, or even the few words of Punjabi he's managed to acquire. If there were something to find out, he'd want to know it, too. If there were something to fix, he'd want to watch and learn it, so he could do it himself the next time. But Elsie knows there is nothing to fix. And that if J.N. were here the Sikh would not have stopped without asking first.

She leans forward to get a breath of fresh air from the open windows and to hear whatever there might be to be heard. At the moment, a hush. Then, as if to answer the silence, the shrill ascending notes of the brain-fever bird, coming again and then again.

The Sikh turns his head in the direction of the sound. Walks across the road and waits. In a moment, a young boy scrambles down the hillside from a copse of trees, a Sikh child with a small twist of maroon turban. Elsie realizes that the notes were not from the bird; they were from the boy.

If he needed to stop, he should have asked her, or at least told her the purpose. She feels ashamed in an odd, oblique way for being taken advantage of in front of her child, for being treated as a person of no power or import.

Perhaps the driver is conferring over a family matter; maybe that is his nephew or even his son. Or it is a business transaction, and the boy is merely a courier. He is looking up, nodding intently, as if taking instructions. The Sikh is writing something down on a pad. This is not his son, not his kin, Elsie feels. The boy is to carry a note to someone—but to whom? She tries to quell the helplessness, and the fear—whose else is up on the hillside, waiting to scramble down?—but gives in to a wave of homesickness, wanting to be free from all that is strange, from all she does not understand even after 20 years in India. She longs for her sisters, Lena and Emma, the kitchens of their farmhouses in Illinois, the communal rhythms of meals and chores and crops. How she loves to be there on their missionary furloughs—the last one five years ago—rolling out piecrusts for the combined families and multiple field hands, beating the cake batter until it is velvet. Whenever she's afraid, she still clings to her sisters in her mind, ghosts from the time when they shared one bed and had no mother.

"What are they doing, Mamma?"

"I'm not sure, Kathryn. They seem to have some business, but the driver will be back in a minute."

"Can I get out?"

"No, you may not." Her voice sounds flutzy and wrong. There is no other sound save the dry scraping of insects. They rest at the edge of nowhere—green terraced hills climbing above them and dropping beneath, hills that offer no outlet unless you know your way on foot.

What she has written in letters to America: the good that they do, the children they save, the eyes that they open. But India keeps reducing her to a person who knows nothing. The vast impassivity of it; its endlessness always poised to swallow up their carefully laid bricks and pews. Will they ever be allowed to stop building? And go home?

At long last—or maybe it was only a matter of five minutes—the driver returns, bows his head slightly to them, as if he can only now, his arrangements tended to, acknowledge the impurity.

Without a word of explanation, he starts the engine and sets off. The car begins winding up the hills again. The mystery of the Sikh's business is a thing they carry with them. Even Kathryn doesn't ask. Elsie has forgotten to eat, but her appetite is gone now so she packs up the hamper and stows it on the floor. Kathryn scoots over to lean into her side. Such a small weight a child is, but solid and real. It is only a few minutes before the afternoon heat and the rocking of the car cause her daughter to doze off, Elsie's arm around her.

With Kathryn sleeping, there is a new privacy between the Sikh and herself. Her mind keeps returning to the indignity of the stop, of not being informed. The man moves with so much dignity himself; what right has he to rob her of hers? All he had to do was ask and she would have said, *We don't mind at all. Perhaps we'll even stretch our legs.*

It's odd to bring it up this many minutes later, but it is odder still to let it hover in the air. If she doesn't speak, she knows it will remain painful evidence that she doesn't count; and if she doesn't count, except to her children, of course, what is she doing here?

"Was that your son back there?" she asks. She detests the slight tremolo in her voice. Perhaps he doesn't have enough English to understand the question.

He looks at her in the mirror, and does not seem startled to be spoken to.

"No. I have no son."

He adjusts his gaze back to the road, the hypnotic curves. The back of his neck is a warm brown. His dark blue turban is tightly, precisely wound; Elsie can just see the line of black hair swept up and under it. The sight of his hair uncoiled would seem unbearably personal after growing used to the turban—just as she would never remove her net cap and undo her own coiled bun outside of the house. Even her own children don't often see her with her hair down.

"I wondered why you stopped," she says. Her heart knocks wildly against her ribs at her own audacity, but after a few hard thumps it quiets again. She did wonder; it is an ordinary question. Although, she realizes, she didn't technically ask a question. He could leave it dangling.

He looks back again, his eyes somehow not so cold. He has, she realizes, expressive eyes, not like a statue at all.

"Just a message," he says. His English is very good. She wonders where he learned it. But she is disappointed by his answer. Does he think her a dolt? Obviously, a message. What else, if not a message?

"Business?" she asks. She would never pry at someone's reticence like this. She would consider it rude. But.

The Sikh's eyes, framed in a glance, seem exasperated. Then they disappear, because there is the increasingly steep road to attend to.

"Business, yes. The business of the Sikh people." A note of challenge in his voice.

She has heard this note before: It comes with talk of politics, which are at a low summer everywhere in this country, a miasma you can't help but breathe.

She doesn't think there is an answer to his statement; what would it be? That God's business is all people, and all people's business is with God? She knows the Sikhs have a God, and unlike the Hindus they have just one. J.N. always says the missionaries will never make any inroads with the Sikhs. He says this cheerfully enough. He has pointed out the line waiting at the door of a *gurudwara*, where anyone, regardless of faith or caste, may come and receive a meal.

The business of the Sikh people. Elsie is not in possession of the nuances. Though the British are the ones now granting the mission its land leases, J.N. is convinced that the survival of their work will be dependent on the goodwill of the natives. She understands the

issue in the main, of course, the part about white skin, the Britishers' and hers, too. But there is layer upon layer of complication, and that is where she gives up: too many factions here, Hindus, Moslems, Sikhs. The missionaries are not supposed to take sides about government, and Elsie has found it easier to be impartial if she is ignorant. They are here to nourish spirits, minds, and bellies—there is clarity for her in that. And they must stick with the British, at least for now, at least on paper, or all the walls they've raised and whitewashed could come tumbling down, the land beneath them pulled out like a tablecloth in a magician's trick. When Mahatma

Gandhi came to speak to the farmers in their district and invited the Mennonites to tea, Brother Lapp directed J.N. to write with their compliments and with regrets.

Look away and save your sight.

"Well, I'm glad you were able to see to it. Your business," she says, with a sudden feeling of generosity.

The eyes that flick to the mirror are amused. Then, after a few seconds, "You have been here for a long time?"

Elsie sees the steam-er; the gangly young

man with his perfectly white minister's collar waiting to escort her through the fetid air of the docks; the Mennonite brothers and sisters singing hymns at their wedding.

"Yes, a long time."

"And you like India?" This time the eyes have something else; an edge of hard mockery. Her usual answer is *Yes, very much*. She hesitates.

"Sometimes I miss where I come from."

"Then why not go back?"

"We will. My husband has helped build a school for Hindu children in the plains. It has been his life's work."

The eyes do not appear. But the turban nods slightly.

"I do like India," she says after a moment, as if he has been pressing her. "But I'd also like to go home."

The turban nods again, barely.

"Maybe when your husband's life work is finished." When he looks in the mirror, his eyes are kind.

Elsie's hand rises to her throat. "Oh, dear."

They laugh together. ■



A rare American Ford in Udaipur, India, 1930.

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BODY AND SOUL

By Madeline Jarrett

The spiritual lessons of physical disability

PICTURE IN YOUR MIND'S EYE THE "IDEAL" BODY. Consider shape and size, skin and hair—all targets of scrutiny in advertising and social media messaging. I imagine that many of us picture a body very different from our own. Upon recognizing this difference, many of us may feel some degree of shame.

I am no stranger to bodily shame. I come to it primarily through physical disability. I have a neurological condition called Charcot-Marie-Tooth—which impacts the peripheral nerves and therefore the muscles in my feet, legs, hands, and arms. It began to manifest during middle school, when I started losing the ability to run. I have known shame when I was picked last for every sport, in every gym class, from elementary through high school. I have known shame when I couldn't wear high heels to prom or graduation because my ankles were too weak. I have known shame when passersby in the grocery store stared at and whispered about my unusual, awkward gait. And I have known shame when once, just a year ago, a stranger approached me on the sidewalk and asked if she could pray over my legs for their healing.

My condition is degenerative, which means it will become progressively worse over time. From doctor after doctor, many of the messages I've received about my body have come with a strong undertone of hopelessness: "Your physical condition will only get worse"; "you'll probably be dealing with this loss of ability for the rest of your life"; "the only thing you can hope for is a cure."

My type of Charcot-Marie-Tooth (1A) is caused by a duplication of the PMP22 gene. A cure would have to involve major advances in research and medicine. Promoting this research remains important to me—as does promoting inclusion and justice for all individuals with disabilities—but I am resistant to the idea that the *only* way to find hope or goodness in my bodily state is through this type of outside intervention.

I have studied theology for seven years. I graduated from

the University of Notre Dame in 2014 with majors in theology and psychology and recently earned my master of divinity (an 84-credit degree) from Boston College's School of Theology and Ministry. My studies have greatly affected how I understand bodily shame and goodness. They have opened my eyes to the fact that parts of Christianity have become infected with Platonic dualism—with the idea that the material world is less capable of

communicating the Divine than is the spiritual realm, that the body is separate from and inferior to the soul. Platonic dualism seeped into Christian theology primarily because many early theologians studied Greek philosophy during their education. Some of the writings of great theologians such as Augustine in the fourth and fifth centuries and Aquinas in the 13th imply that the soul is superior to the body. Today, this dualism continues to influence the Church's understanding of the relationship between sexuality and spirituality, and of the proper place of women's voices in the Church.

Last spring at the School of Theology and Ministry, I took a course taught by theologian Colleen Griffith on "Theological Anthropology and the Body." Through that course and others, I have come to recognize that in my visible woundedness I bear witness to the inescapable vulnerability that ultimately characterizes all bodies. The limits of my body, and the help I sometimes need, attest to the universal fact of interdependence and the elemental need for human community. Because of my studies I've also come to believe that hope resides in my body through the grace that is operative in every part of our lives, down to the very sinews of our flesh.

The Catholic tradition is rich with a variety of theological beliefs, the interpretation and application of which is both essential and ongoing. However, there are also central elements of the faith that remain stable over time (e.g., belief in the Trinity). At least three fundamental elements of the Catholic tradition provide counter-narratives to Platonic dualism and the association of the



The Ecstasy of St. Teresa, drawn by Gian Lorenzo Bernini, circa 1645.

body with shame. First, there are the biblical creation narratives in Genesis 1 and 2. A number of prominent Christian theologians, including Bonaventure in the 13th century, have referred to creation itself as a source of revelation. Genesis 1:31 states, "God saw everything that God had made, and behold, it was very good." Therefore, creation—bodies included—is good. Period.

The second counter-narrative is the Incarnation—the belief that God took on flesh in the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus entered our bodily state—the state often associated with shame and brokenness—and marked it as the place where we meet God. Consider the Christian mystics, who are celebrated for being some of the most "spiritual" figures in the tradition. They often describe their encounters with God in distinctly bodily terms. Julian of Norwich (1342–1430), a mystic, theologian, and Catholic saint, wrote: "The mother can give her child to suck of her milk, but our precious Mother Jesus can feed us with himself, and does, most courteously and most tenderly, with the blessed sacrament, which is the precious food of true life." Similarly, St. Teresa of Avila wrote of a vision she experienced: "In [the angel's] hands I saw a great golden spear, and at the iron tip there appeared to be a point of fire. This he plunged into my heart several times so that it penetrated to my entrails. When he pulled it out, I felt that he took them with it, and left me utterly consumed by the great love of God." As humans, we can never experience anything without our bodies. We cannot know God outside of our embodied experiences.

The third element of Christian theology that I would like to highlight is eschatology. This is the theological study of the ultimate destiny of creation. Christians believe that the final event at the end of time (the eschaton) will be characterized by the loving and just reign of God. Many theologians hold that humanity's final destiny will be marked by justice, inclusion, holistic integration of the self (body and soul), and union with creation and God. Another central element of the eschaton is the resurrection of the body. Both the characteristics of the eschaton and the resurrection of the body imply full bodily acceptance for all. During Jesus' lifetime, he made this acceptance known by welcoming marginalized and excluded bodies—women, minorities, diseased and disabled individuals, the poor—into his community of followers.

So what does all of this mean for physical disability? Most contemporary cultural tropes revolve around the notion of "overcoming" disability. Consider the recent death of Stephen Hawking. Articles published or posted online referenced his "useless body," said he was "paralyzed but making contributions," and that he "overcame a debilitating disease." Ace Ratcliff, who lives with hypermobile Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome, among other ailments, noted in the *Huffington Post* how often disability is portrayed as an impediment to creativity and intellectual contribution. It is as if disability and success are antithetical, she writes, as if benefiting society and being disabled are not compatible.

I must admit that I used to subscribe to narratives of overcoming. They seemed to honor my struggle with chronic pain, strings of injuries and surgeries, social isolation, and the gradual loss of physical ability. But the notion of overcoming does not sufficiently accommodate the goodness and grace that persons with disabilities experience through their bodies. It marks the disabled body as the enemy and deflects attention from much more sinister issues: cul-

tural inscriptions of shame, hopelessness, and injustice. These—not our bodies—are what must be overcome.

I do not overcome my body.

My body is the place where I encounter the Divine. ■

This essay by Madeline Jarrett, M.Div.'18, is drawn and adapted from Jarrett's first-place presentation at the sixth annual Grad Talks colloquium held at O'Neill Library on April 13, 2018. The seven other finalists were graduate students from the Carroll School of Management, the School of Social Work, and the Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences. Come fall, Jarrett will begin teaching theology at Mount Alvernia Catholic High School in Newton.

The Elements

By Walker Halstad

The wire arch is tangled in ivy, overrun
by the years. You wear water plants
on your blouse, vines right off the wallpaper
twisting in the kitchen. I go to find some clippers
to tidy the garden but you wave me to the water.

From the green cushion, always slick with leaves,
we gaze through pond murk down to the tarp.
It is spring but nothing living remains,
the birds have ripped the net and stolen the koi,
not even bodies of carnival fish are left to flush.

The gargoyles were not enough to ward them off,
neither was the stone turtle whose neck we painted red,
but learned that watercolors dried dull on onyx.
Your hair is grey and you cough as ever but now
you spit out pollen. The day steams like the greenhouse

where they sold us reeds and lilies for this haven,
they lose their leaves in winter but can endure the elements,
and sure enough they lasted you out. The day I got word,
a moth lost its wings when I cut them off with scissors
and dropped them like white petals onto the surface.

Here you are and I ask if you remember
the koi and their colors, how my favorite was the
one missing part of its fin. You shake your head
with a sad smile. To remember something
and lose it, to chase it on the pond floor.

English major Walker Halstad '18 represented Boston College at the 27th annual Greater Boston Intercollegiate Undergraduate Poetry Festival on April 18 in the Murray Room. Students from 23 colleges and universities read from their works. Halstad, a Gabelli Presidential Scholar from Westminster, Maryland, plans to pursue a career in law.

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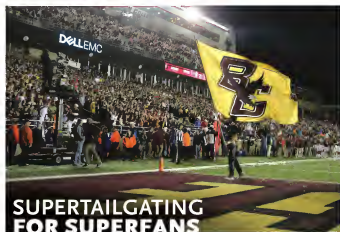


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More than 5,000 Eagles flew home for a Reunion Weekend filled with laughter, memories, and BC pride. If your class year ends in 4 or 9, you're up next! Mark your calendar now for May 31–June 2, 2019, and get ready to party Chestnut Hill style.

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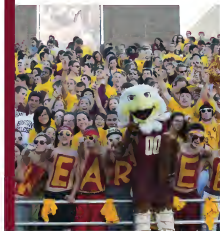
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The Class of 1948 wishes to offer our condolences to the family of John Carney '49 and the Class of 1949 on John's passing in March. John was an integral part of our annual Mass and luncheon and a great correspondent for his class. His final class notes appeared in the last issue. He was a friend to all. Rest in peace, John. • Paul Lannon had his head shaved, along with Tom Brady and Governor Charlie Baker, in a fundraiser to support the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. For his participation, \$5,000 was given to Dana-Farber. The event was sponsored by Granite Telecommunications of Quincy, where Paul's son David is an executive.

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1950

We have only sad news for this issue. William McGagh passed away peacefully in his sleep on November 20. His daughter Sallie McGagh Delaney '88 writes: "After graduating from Harvard Business School in 1952, my father enjoyed a 25-year-long career with Chrysler Corporation in Detroit, where he and my mom raised my sister and me. He later moved on to Northrop Grumman Corporation in LA, rising to senior VP and CFO and spending the next 36 years in Southern California. Following the deaths of my mom and my sister, my dad moved back east in 2016 to be near me in Newton. My dad came full circle—home. A longtime BC fundraiser, he was an astounding man, in intellect, generosity, and character." • We also lost John "Jack" Keilty, who passed away on December 23. His son Tom writes: "He lived a life that would have made BC proud, but because his whole career was working in intelligence, and his work was 'highly classified,' he could never share any of his vast intellectual pursuits and accomplishments." While at BC, Jack majored in economics, also studying Greek and Latin, and was captain of the Fulton Debating Society. He interrupted his studies to serve abroad in the Navy during World War II. He went on to master seven languages, specializing in Russian and Russian history, and spent a year in Moscow during the height of the Cold War. Considered one of the foremost experts in the world on the Soviet Union, Jack spent his entire career with the NSA and the CIA. Tom continues: "Jack will be remembered as a great American, a true patriot who served

his country with great honor. But most of all, he will be remembered as a humble servant of God who lived his faith [and exemplified] 'service before self.'" Predeceased by his wife of 62 years, Jack leaves 7 children, 19 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren. • Rob Daly '04, MBA'08, wrote of the passing of his grandfather, Gerard "Gerry" Daly, on March 31: "Gerry was very proud of his time at BC and could often be seen wearing his Golden Eagle pin." Gerry came to BC after serving in the Navy in World War II and went on to a career with Stop & Shop, eventually as a corporate buyer for candy, film, and tobacco across all divisions. In 1981 the Boston Confectionery Salesmen's Club named Gerry Candy Man of the Year, and he was inducted into the Candy Hall of Fame in 1982; he later served as president and chairman of the club. A longtime resident of South Weymouth, he retired to South Yarmouth and remained active as a volunteer with the American Lung Association and the Cape Cod Museum of Natural History in Brewster. In addition to traveling, Gerry enjoyed playing golf and reconnected with classmates at our class golf tournaments. He is survived by his wife, Christine; two children; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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NC 1950–1953

I am writing this on May 1, and I am happy (and relieved) to see flowers and bushes abloom with new life. Nature's beauty tells us we have cause for hope. • Sadly I report the death of Marion "Mike" Slattery Tyler NC'53 in February 2017. I remember her as upbeat, ebullient, and kind, and I was amazed that she came all the way from California to little Newton College. Let us keep Mike and her family in our prayers.

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1951

We are delighted to report much good news from the great Class of '51. • After 34 years as a superintendent of schools in Massachusetts and New York and later as a consultant in Connecticut and New York, George Port, MEd '52, is now enjoying life on Plum Island. • And on the other coast, Kenneth Almond, a former CIA agent, is now president of the Toluca Lake VII Condominium Association in Burbank, CA. • A belated "happy birthday!" to John Gunn, of Silver Spring, MD, who celebrated his 90th on February 23 with a nice party arranged by his six children. Also in attendance were 12 grandmothers and a group of relatives, and he and wife Barbara enjoyed the good food and the chance to visit with everyone. John retired as deputy assistant administrator of the DEA, where he had served for 27 years in various management positions; including his service with the U.S.

Navy and the FBI, John worked for 29 years for the federal government. He writes: "My BC education has served me well!" He says he is thrilled to hear about the new Schiller Institute and BC's investment in the sciences, and he tries to keep up with all BC sports: "I've followed BC football since the 1940 Sugar Bowl (now on TV), and the women's lacrosse and hockey teams are wonderful," he writes. • Another nonagenarian, **Philip Dolan**, notes proudly that the "Class of 1951 provided many medical doctors, lawyers, priests, business executives, and military officers for our country. It was an honor to graduate with so many outstanding Americans." Philip's wife, Elaine, passed away a year ago after 65-plus years of marriage; she and Philip grew up together and went to high school together, and the loss has deeply impacted him and his family. But he writes: "My Boston College education has provided me with a wonderful working career and a healthy outlook on life that has lasted these many 90 years." Philip now lives on Amelia Island, FL. • Felicitations to all who have 90th birthdays this year. Write and let us know how you are celebrating this special milestone!

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1952

I regret to report that we have lost **Charley Hanafin**, of Burlington, who passed away on October 1. Charley was a daily communicant through most of his life; in my judgement, his life exemplifies precisely the "Boston College man." I knew him well. He was from the Mission Hill section of Boston—at the time, rock-solid Irish Catholic—and like so many of us Irish Catholics, commuted daily to Boston College. We were proud of being part of the BC family. Family finances were tight and we "brown-bagged" our lunch daily. But all of us were so proud to have our parents at graduation, dressed in Sunday best, telling us how proud they were of us. Charley leaves his wife, Rose; 3 siblings; 11 children; 65 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren.

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1954

65TH REUNION
May 31–June 2, 2019

More of our classmates have left us since my last report, among them **Jim Coughlin**, in February. Noting his passing, **Gerry Carey**

wrote: "Our class has lost one of our most devoted members with the passing of **Jim Coughlin**. We first met at BC in 1952, and our friendship continued to the day he died. If he had a fault it was that classic Irish vice of always thinking that he had to do you a favor. We shared many friends, and often when I met them the first question was, 'How's Jim?'" Gerry closed by quoting the last lines of Shakespeare's 30th sonnet: "But if the while I think on thee, dear friend, / All losses are restor'd, and sorrows end." • At the Laetare Sunday Mass and brunch, I saw **Margaret (Molloy) '58** and **Pete Vasaturo, Bill Kenney, Ed Evangelista**, and my grad school mate **Jim Nolan '55, MSW '61**. • In November, the city of Everett honored long-time sports announcer **Jack McGrath** by naming the city's stadium press box after him. He also received the key to the city. The mayor said that "Jack's knowledge of Everett sports is legendary, but his greatest attribute is his kindness and compassion for others, especially Everett's youth." Jack still hosts his own sports show on Everett Community Television. • That's it for now. Send news.

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NC 1954

65TH REUNION
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Ernie Higgins Beveridge writes that she and her husband were on a Caribbean cruise in March, and one of the stops was San Juan, PR. She was able to contact **Delma Sala Fleming** in Ponce, and they had planned to meet, but there was a storm with more floods, and Delma couldn't get to San Juan. They were disappointed they couldn't get together. Ernie noted that the San Juan harbor area had been "spruced up" for the tourists, but there was still much devastation inland. Let's continue to keep Delma, her family, and the residents of Puerto Rico in our prayers at this difficult time for them. • **Mary Evans Bapst** emailed from Geneva, Switzerland, that she was busy with arrangements for a "vast, extended family reunion near Montreal in July." They expect around 40 people will attend. • **Maureen Cohan Curry** called to say that she, along with her granddaughter, flew to Madrid to meet her daughter who had just finished the Pilgrimage of Compostela in the Basque country of northern Spain. They spent a week together in Madrid. • Have a wonderful summer, and please send news for the next issue.

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1955

If it is Laetare Sunday it is a given that **Jim Nolan MSW '61**, **Jean O'Neil MS '63**, and **Barbara (Cunco) '58** and **John O'Connell** will meet at the table designated for the Class of 1955 to join together in celebrating the

University's annual Mass and communion breakfast—and indeed, all were present in March for the event. They have their own minireunion and are able to catch up on news of the year gone by. **Barbara, John**, and **Joan** seem to be acquiring the title of "superfans," as they meet at many events. The next occasion was the wonderful concert and tribute to BC's **John Finney** at Symphony Hall in April. • I recently received a phone call from **Jan Pandolf**, who shared the news that her longtime friend **Bob Harding** had gone to join Jesus in heaven on April 8. **Bob** lived in Northborough, after many years in Framingham, and at one time had owned a floor and carpet cleaning business. An avid tennis player, **Bob** also served as an usher and as a choir member at several parishes. May his soul, and all the souls of our classmates who are now members of the communion of saints, rest in peace. • As summer begins to wind down and you are getting ready to celebrate the start of what I consider to be the beginning of a new year of activity, I would enjoy hearing what you have done over the summer and any news about your family. Please note that my next column is due in early August.

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NC 1955

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1956

Class of '56, I'm sorry to report that the most recent Laetare Sunday get-together was attended by only a few of our classmates. Those there on March 11 were **Carolyn Kenney Foley** and her friend **Claire Hogarty**, **Connie Regolino MD '61**, **Mary Fraser Pizzelli**, and **Mary Lorraine Condon Walsh MS '58**. I was told that everyone enjoyed hearing from BC's new AD, **Martin Jarmond**, and that both the event and the food were great! • **Jerry Sullivan** reports that math major **Charles Lamey** passed away in February. Originally from Boston, Charles was most recently living in Gainesville, VA. • **Joan Carroll** reports that she married **James "Bucky" Donovan** on February 17. A Lynch School of Education grad, **Joan** was originally from Hyde Park. • The class committee is currently planning a final meeting to conclude class activities.

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NC 1956

Marion Linehan Kraemer wrote that she and husband **Jack** are still living in Needham but escape to their house on Cape Cod as

often as possible. They have 4 children and 11 grandchildren. The oldest grandchild backpacked around Europe for a month after graduating from Tufts last year. His brother keeps them connected to the Newton College/Boston College tradition. He is an enthusiastic BC rising senior who spent a semester this year at the University of Cape Town in South Africa. Their younger sister was just back from her high school's nine-day trip to the Galápagos Islands. Marion commented on how times have changed since she was a Newton day hop! • She also noted for our information that the Newton College Book Club started by Mother Maguire for Newton alumnae is still in existence. Over the years the leadership (Sr. Elizabeth White, H'06, Professor Emerita Judith Will) changed, the venues (Bard, Cadigan Alumni Center) moved, and the membership expanded to include BC alumnae and other women with BC connections. They meet about eight times each year and enjoy lively discussions. • I don't think I mentioned that my granddaughter Casey Barry '09 married her BC classmate Jason Holdych '09. They now have a son, Danny, who is preparing for the Class of 2028!

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1957

Tom Johnson writes that he is living on Cape Cod and is "involved with golf, writing, and an occasional 'Daddy Boy' outburst with friends. Life is good." He and his wife, Beverly, celebrate 60 years of marriage this year, and they enjoy many family activities. He wishes good health to all!

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NC 1957

Nice memories of Sunday brunch at Newton College in the 1950s were sent by Kate McCann Benson NC '58: "Wearing trench coats over Bermuda shorts to meet the dress code, feasting on waffles and maple syrup. A reminder of priorities in an earlier era." Is there any dress code left, she wonders, or today would it be a challenge for people to turn off their cell phones at the table? Is etiquette now such an old-fashioned word? Thanks, Kate, and let's hear more spontaneous memories from all you classmates. • **Mary Winslow Poole** is teaching a literature class at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at American University in DC—20th-century novels and stories to classes of 25, all about our age. Stimulating and fun she says, and we say wow! Go, Mary! Mary also sent along those words written back in 1958 by Patsy Murray NC '54 about our classmate **Joan David** (who passed away last year): "Joan can always turn my head to the things of the heart. Perhaps it is because she cares so much...that you cannot know

her without catching some of the heat of her feelings." • After a big local move, **Frank and Lucille Saccone Giovino** spent three months in Florida and had a chance to meet up with **Neil and Joan (Hanlon) Curley** in Naples. They enjoyed each other's company and attended the annual Sacred Heart schools Florida luncheon. Joan reports that she and Neil have now sailed on all three of the Cunard Line's Queens, the last most recently. • **Margy Craig Sheehy** writes that in October she traveled to Rome with her sister and brother-in-law. She then spent a month in Alexandria, VA, to celebrate her grandnieces and grandnephew's graduations from Duke and Green Mountain College. • On a sad note, **Peggy McMurrer Haberlin** writes that her "wonderful husband, Richard, passed away in March after a fall and then a broken hip, which had led to complications. God took him peacefully, and we are forever grateful for our many blessings." We extend our sympathy to **Peggy** and her family. • Another sad note was about **Ellie Pope Clem's** brother **George Pope, CSC** (Congregation of Holy Cross), who passed away in April. In his middle 80s, he had returned to Notre Dame to retire after 56 (yes, 56!) years in Bangladesh as a missionary. Ellie and Dave were in the middle of unpacking from their move from DC to Charlottesville, VA, when they received the news. They drove out to Indiana for her brother's very moving funeral in the basilica at Notre Dame (with some Bangladeshi nuns attending). It was a great loss to Ellie and her family as well as to the University of Notre Dame and the Holy Cross order.

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1958

Spring was here, and so was our 60th reunion luncheon in June. I will fill you in on our next issue. • **Tony '59 and Bea (Capraro) Busa** hosted the Florida luncheon in March. Their guests were son Chris and his wife, Vickie; Mary Ann and Bob Moll; Mary Ann and John Dooley with their daughter who came to visit that day; and Bob Carr, who made a phone connection with his freshman roommate **Cliff Joslin**. Also attending were Jackie and Jack Kudzma MBA '70, Marilyn and Leo McCarthy, and June and Bill O'Rourke as well as Dot and Bob Pickette, Dave Rafferty, **George Riosco**, Al and Camille (Colasante) St. Pierre, and Gail and Bill Sweeney. At the last minute several friends were unable to attend due to unexpected illness or forgetfulness. They will remain nameless. However, our host, **Brian Angelo**, offered to pack up their lunches, and we had delivery service. It was fun, and we were glad to deliver. • I heard that **John Croke** passed away in February. John served in the Army Reserve and worked for IBM as a marketing manager for 30 years. He was a very proud BC grad and equally proud that son John and his wife, Beth, are members of the Class of 1985. I have to add that his granddaughter **Jane Croke** graduated in

2014 and went on to earn a master's degree in 2016 from BC. I talked with John a few years back, and he asked for Dave Rafferty's number so they could catch up. It is now sad to note that Dave has joined John, passing away in March. • On a lighter note, I talked to Connell School of Nursing alumna **Helen Connors Connolly**. She is so proud of her identical twin granddaughters, Shayla and Shannon Flannery, who both graduated from Regis with degrees in nursing. • And further good news: **Bernie Mahoney, MS '60**, was honored to have an endowed research fellowship set up in his name at the University of Mary Washington by a former student, Marilyn Black UMW '69. The Bernard L. Mahoney Jr. Student Research Fellowship in Science will be awarded yearly to a worthy student in a natural or physical science discipline at UMW. Bernie, who holds a PhD from the University of New Hampshire, retired in 2002 after 39 years of service as distinguished professor emeritus in chemistry in Fredericksburg, VA. • Remember that the last of the activities planned for our reunion year will take place on Cape Cod at the Wianno Club on August 2. • Meanwhile, for our next issue, please drop a note about yourself and your family or a bit about your retirement. Thanks in advance. And now that we have celebrated our 60th reunion, let me know of any future activity you might like me and the board to look into. • Please remember in your prayers **John Croke**, **Dave Rafferty**, **Jack Nee MBA '66**, **Carol Brady Vigliano**, and their families, as well as my husband, **Roland**, who passed recently. Also remember those classmates who are facing difficult times. • Enjoy the summer!

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NC 1958

Although she left Newton before graduating, **Mary Azzara Archdeacon** says she is thrilled and grateful that many friends want her to return to BC and celebrate our 60th reunion. She will miss those who cannot attend, particularly her roommate, the late **Martha Dwyer Laurance**, who was very dear to her while she was at Newton. She loved Martha and her family. Mary recalls that after Martha graduated, they traveled in Europe for two and a half months with an international student tour group. • **Rosemary Stuart Dwyer** reports that a memorial service for **Yori Oda**, who died in February, was held at the Boston Children's Museum in April. The Saturday-evening event included tributes by the CEO of the museum, the American consul-general of Japan, the executive director of the Japan Society of Boston, and a professor emeritus from Harvard. **Yori**, a graduate of the Sacred Heart School in Japan and honorary member of our class, had devoted her life to promoting cultural exchanges between the United States and Japan. Among her gifts to Boston was the Japanese House exhibit, which has been on display at the museum for over 30 years.

Through her dedication and efforts, she helped to create unbreakable bonds between Boston and Kyoto. • Sue Fay Ryan reports that a professional reviewer for the website Goodreads wrote about her book *Never Trust a Teacher: Fight to Make Things Right!*: "Dr. Susan Ryan, an accomplished educator and great parent, treats parents to fantastic advice on how to navigate the public school system so your children derive maximum benefit. Thank you." Congratulations, Sue, on that kudos. • Mid-April was a highlight for Jo Kirk Cleary and a book group of former volunteers of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. They have shared a variety of literature genres for more than 20 years. The median age of the group is 80. This year they traveled by Amtrak to New York City and visited three museums, six restaurants, a gallery, a conservatory, a sculpture garden, three city gardens, and multiple outdoor monuments. In addition, they saw two plays: a revival of *My Fair Lady* and *Come from Away*. They carried many stares and smiles as they pulled carry-on bags, walking single file through Penn Station. Onlookers had many questions about who they were and where they were going. • The Schorr family is preparing for granddaughter Carolyn's wedding in Baltimore in June followed by a trip to Ireland in August. In the meantime, I continue to substitute teach at Stuart Country Day School and with my trustee duties at the Integral Yoga Community Center in Princeton.

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1959

60TH REUNION

May 31–June 2, 2019

My teammate George Bigelow '58, of Windsor, passed away on May 5. George was the first to pass away of the 12 members of BC's first NCAA basketball team, which lost to Maryland at Madison Square Garden on March 11, 1958, just over 60 years ago. George leaves Marie, his wife of over 60 years; sons Daniel '80 and Roger; daughter Denise Braham; brother James and sister-in-law Sally; two grandkids; and three great-grandchildren. George will be deeply missed by all his teammates. He had a great smile, which endeared him to all who knew him. Please keep George and his family in your prayers. • I had the good fortune to complete my 50th year as a high school basketball ref for Board 52 (Westchester, Rockland, and Putnam Counties) along with four fellow refs. Three of us attended a meeting in Ocean City, MD, on the weekend of April 20. The five refs from our board broke the U.S. and Canadian record of three refs from one board marking 50 years in one year. During our 50 years, only two other refs had reached 50 years. It was quite an honor. • Pat and Billy Fallon, of Goldens Bridge, NY, have reached their 62nd wedding anniversary! They have 4 kids, all are married; 13 grandkids, 7 of whom are married; and 9 great-grandchildren. Of the 13 grandkids, 9 have finished college; 1 is a

junior at West Point; 5 have master's degrees; and 1 has a doctor of chiropractic degree and owns Clipper Family Chiropractic in Newburyport. Billy retired last year, and Pat just retired. • And speaking of children, Jim Marrinan, MSW '61, reports that his daughter Anne gave birth to identical twin boys, Thomas and Cormac, in Fort Lauderdale, FL. The boys are now a year old. • I attended a function at Sacred Heart High School in Yonkers for three friends who were inducted into the school's Hall of Fame. It turns out that the school's president is BC alum Matt Janeczko, OFM (Capuchin Franciscan), MDiv'14, STL'14. Fr. Matt received his BA from Catholic University of America in 2007. Small world. • Peter McLaughlin, a fellow in the Office of the President at BC, has recently concluded his nine-year term as chairman of the board of the St. Columbkille Partnership School, which was recently designated a "laboratory school" by BC's Lynch School of Education. Through research and interaction with BC, St. Columbkille serves as a vital resource for Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Boston and beyond. Peter has also joined the board of his alma mater, St. Sebastian's School. Grandson Jake McLaughlin also attended St. Sebastian's (he graduated from Amherst College in May), and another grandson, Peter Blake, is a senior who will play lacrosse for the University of Pennsylvania this fall. Of course, Peter is very proud of his three grandkids who are attending BC. Peter, the Class of '59 is proud of your contribution of all the work you do, not only for the class but also for Boston College.

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NC 1959

60TH REUNION

May 31–June 2, 2019

By now just about everyone—except our youngsters, Janet Chute and Carmen Casellas-DeMoss—have celebrated their 80th birthdays. No big blasts reported: Mary Kelley McNamara reports she celebrated it quietly; she's also celebrating 57 years of marriage. Glenna LaSalle Keene celebrated hers last summer with her children, their spouses, and nine grandchildren. I, too, had a quiet birthday with my sister Nancy O'Neill NC'61, MA'67, and cousin Maura O'Neill Overlan NC'62 at a restaurant in Fort Myers, FL. Stephanie Landry Barineau even reports that she is looking forward to being 81 in August because it rolls off the tongue more easily. • On the other hand, Sheila Lane Malafronte figures she must be the real class youngster because she has the youngest grandchildren, at 4, 3, and 8 months—what fun! • And the class has been traveling: Karen Mullin Winter spent the winter in Florida and then traveled to Israel in April with son Norb and her church group. My birthday present to myself (Patty O'Neill) was a trip to Antarctica: 18 days on a ship, lots of penguins—even one being eaten by a leopard seal—and warmer weather than at home in Boston. •

Graduations and grandchildren play a big part in our classmates' lives. Mary Kelley McNamara reports that her fifth grandchild was about to graduate from Boston College, with two others following behind. Karen Mullin Winter also has a granddaughter at BC, now a rising sophomore. • Glenna LaSalle Keene has a grandson on the sailing team at Dartmouth, three more grandchildren in Sacred Heart schools in San Francisco, two at BC High School, and three more in the local school system near her in Stafford, PA. Glenna also reports that she is busy volunteering on a local historic commission and still plays her harp. • Stephanie Landry Barineau's granddaughter Dana was about to graduate with honors from the University of North Texas. Stephanie's children are scattered, with two near home in Houston and another in Australia, and she has a big wedding to attend in New Orleans. Stephanie has been volunteering with Martha's Kitchen and, for 30 years, with Birthright. • As I write this, I am in the midst of running a fundraising bird-a-thon for a local Audubon sanctuary and must close so I can meet my birthing partner at 6 p.m. to see how many species of birds we can tally in the following 24 hours (with maybe a four-hour sleep break). • Everyone I heard from has had favorable health reports and sends lots of prayers and blessings.

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1960

We have a dearth of good news for this issue. I wonder if it has anything to do with the fact that the majority of us are turning 80 this year. • I have heard the doubly sad news that classmate Anna Recupero Tretter, wife of classmate and Triple Eagle Charles Tretter, JD'63, passed away in February. A former teacher, Anna earned a law degree by going to school at night and worked as an assistant U.S. attorney and later as senior counsel for the then U.S. Customs Service. She and Charles were married for 55 years. Interestingly, as I am writing this, I just saw a bald eagle circling around the lake where we live. • Also, just this morning I heard of the passing of another Double Eagle, Malden native Steve DeNapoli. Following a career in the insurance business, Steve and his wife, Barbara, joined the large number of Eagles wintering in Naples, FL (but spending summers in New Hampshire). • We must send kudos to an anonymous classmate who braved the cold, rain, and wind on Patriots' Day to cheer on her grandson and BC student marathoner and was there to "rescue" him as he ran out of gas on Comm. Ave. • I'll be looking for news of 80th birthday celebrations for our next column. • *Sláinte.*

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NC 1960

Hurray! **Mary-Anne Hehir Helms** is recovering from a new type of heart surgery performed in Philadelphia. The doctors said she did far better than they had hoped. • **Eleanor Coppola Brown** had a super 80th birthday party in Naples, FL, with children, grandchildren, and siblings attending. • **Blanche Hunnewell** was in Naples for a quilting exhibition and had dinner with Eleanor and **Berenice Hackett Davis**. En route to her daughter's in Jacksonville, Blanche stayed overnight at our house in Punta Gorda, and we had a nice time catching up. • **Berenice, Eleanor, Lita Capobianco Mainelli**, and I attended the AASH luncheon in Naples. Newton had the largest number of attendees, Lita and her husband, Leo, are very active volunteers in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Charlestown, RI. • We had a lovely dinner in Venice, FL, with **Dot Radics McKeon** and three of her old friends. Dot looks wonderful. • This summer there will be Sacred Heart receptions in Newport, RI, and on Cape Cod. If you would like an invitation, email Newton.Country.Day.School. • I just learned from BC that our classmate **Sheila Donovan DiSabatino** died on December 27 in Wilmington, DE. Sheila was a teacher, realtor, and volunteer for several community organizations; a sustaining member of the Junior League of Wilmington; and an avid reader and book club member. Predeceased by her husband,

Arthur, in 2001, she is survived by three sons; three grandsons; and her brother, Timothy. Our condolences go to Sheila's family. • We also send our condolences to **Betsy DeLone Balas**, whose sister **Suzanne Fortier** died in February, and to **Carole Ward McNamara**, whose brother **Henry Ward** died in April. • Good news: **Berenice Hackett Davis's** 12-year-old granddaughter, **Ava Blessing**, was chosen for a part in an Emmanuel College play, written and performed by Emmanuel students. The play was in a competition sponsored by the Kennedy Center in Washington DC, and Ava received an award in excellence in acting from the Kennedy Center. • Our 14-year-old triplet granddaughters spent their spring break with us in Punta Gorda. Just after their return to Connecticut, Grace participated in the state gymnastics competition and is now state champion in her age group. The next day my husband, Kevin, got a hole in one on the golf course, so there was much celebrating at the **Healys**. • Do send news and enjoy this milestone summer.

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1961

After a tour in the Navy, **John F. Burke** went to BC, majoring in economics, and then to Notre Dame, earning both his MA and his

PhD. He has been teaching for 55 years: He started at Notre Dame; has taught at Indiana University, East Illinois, and Cleveland State; and is currently at John Carroll University. His concurrent profession is as a forensic economist, which brings him into court to testify as an expert witness. He is the father of 10. His wife, **Nancy Fuerst**, is a judge. John has a passion for traveling; of the 193 countries listed by the UN, he has been to 192! • A premed major at BC, **Richard Fabian** went on to Tufts Medical School. An otolaryngology (ear, nose, and throat) specialist, Richard trained at Mass. Eye and Ear (MEEI), then served at the Chelsea Naval Hospital before teaching at MEEI for two years. He worked at Dana-Farber, later returning to MEEI and Mass. General, where he was in charge of neck surgery. In addition, he was on the faculty of MEEI's Knight Hyperbaric Medicine Center. In 2004 Richard retired and moved to Florida. He and his wife, **Lucy**, have been married for 55 years and have 6 children and 13 grandchildren. Richard loves traveling, fishing, and flying airplanes. He said that BC was good training for medical school. • **Bill Kingsbury** majored in marketing at BC before going to OCS in Newport, RI, where he served for three years, with an additional year on the West Coast. Bill describes himself as an entrepreneur. He founded a business where people could come to his facility and set up an office and rent services that he would provide. After selling the business, and before retiring, Bill dabbled in




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running a small Italian shop in California. Now retired, he's a member of the Olympic Club. Bill has four children. His first wife died; he remarried, and he and Linda have now been married for 30 years. • **Frank Keenan** majored in economics at BC and was in the ROTC program. While deferred, he attended BU Law School. He spent the next 40 years using his legal skills at the Pentagon before he was assigned to Da Nang, Vietnam. Frank worked for 10 years as a trial attorney at the National Labor Relations Board and also practiced as a labor arbitrator. He has now been retired for five years and is active in a local historical society. He and his wife, Josephine Rascoe, are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. Josephine is an author; her most recent book is *In Those Dazzling Days of Elvis*. Frank has good memories of BC, especially friendships and an excellent education. • **Peter Kerr**, MBA'69, went into the Air Force after graduating. He was a navigator and later a pilot flying B-52Hs in the Strategic Air Command. After active service, he came back to BC, earned an MBA, and went on to be an assistant VP at Pan American Airlines and later a VP at Merrill Lynch. He has been a soccer and baseball coach and also ran a senior golf club. Peter and his wife, Janice, whom he met while at BC, have been married for 48 years and have three children.

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NC 1961

It is with sadness we send news of the passing of two of our classmates. **Susie Harding O'Connor** died in December. She had received honors for her work over the years in hospice care. Also, **Mary Walsh** died this past April. **Brigid O'Sullivan Sheehan**, among other classmates, attended her funeral. Brigid writes: "It was a beautiful Mass at St. Ignatius in Chestnut Hill. Her grandchildren spoke magnificently about her. As one of our classmates said: 'When your grandchildren can remember you like that, you have lived a good life.'" Joan Merrick Egan and Ellie Maher Collins also wrote of their memories of Mary. • Our condolences also to Nancy Huff, whose brother Teddy '60 died in February. •

Beth Good Wadden writes that she is still teaching school as well as conducting yoga classes. • **Gail Giere Collins** reports that Micky McQueeney Matthews, Kathy Hall Hunter, and Karen Schamber Ferguson joined her at the Sacred Heart of Southwest Florida annual luncheon at the Imperial Golf Club. They met again at a fundraising dinner sponsored by Karen and husband John for the Pontifical Oriental Institute at the Hole-in-The-Wall Golf Club. • Tim '60, JD'64, and Gael (Sullivan) Daly traveled from Miami Lakes on Florida's east coast to meet with Gail and Helen Sullivan Travers (a high school friend) to have lunch and catch up. Gael and Tim were soon leaving to spend two weeks in Ireland and Scotland with their son who lives there. • **Linda Gray**

MacKay, MA'04, and **Brigid O'Sullivan Sheehan** attended the Newton Book Club meeting at BC in April. • **Dave and Judy (Thompson) Collins** joined us for lunch in April on their way to Nashville to visit their son Paul and his family. Paul, who is an artist, was profiled in the March issue of *Nashville Arts Magazine*. And who was with them but **Maryann Morrissey Curtin**! She came south to eat some southern fried chicken. We really had an enjoyable afternoon. We visited the Old, Old Jail in Franklin, which is now the home of the historic preservation organization here. Do any of you remember the time Maryann took us on a tour of a jail (freshman or sophomore year)? • Here's hoping y'all have a safe and happy summer.

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1962

News of **Robert Murray** recently appeared in the spring issue of *Beacon*, a BC publication. Bob, the former chairman and CEO of New England Business Service, describes himself as "a poor Irish kid who had the great fortune to attend Boston College." The article reported that Bob recently endowed a scholarship fund to serve undergraduates who remind him of himself: "I want the bright, ambitious inner-city Boston kids from underrepresented minorities to have the same shot at success that I had. That's the BC legacy I want to create." Twenty-five members of Bob's family attended BC. • **William Novelline** wrote: "On a cold and windy day—April 14—Boston College dedicated its new baseball/softball complex as the Harrington Athletics Village. Finally, after many years, this first phase of the complex is completed. Without John Harrington's tireless efforts, over a decade, this wonderful complex would never have scored the homer it is and will be for many years to come. John '57, MBA'66, H'10, is a true BC product as he honors values, ethics, and the Catholic religion as well as country, family, and a Jesuit education. Thank you, John Harrington; you are a true icon." Our words of thanks are also extended to many other donors and supporters too numerous to mention. • Many of you will remember Joseph Duffy, SJ, '50, MA'51, STL'58. He received an honorary doctor of science in education degree at this year's Commencement. • At a recent get-together, **Ronald Dyer** was asking, "Are you wearing your BC ring? Do you ever wear your BC ring?" So we would like to hear from all of you. Who is wearing the BC ring? **Frank Faggiano** still wears his. The only time he didn't was when he fell while in San Diego and the stone fell out, but we quickly had it repaired. • With sadness we mention the passing of several of our classmates who died this year: **John DiGiambattista** worked in defense and aerospace for 40 years. He leaves his wife, Carmel; 3 children; and 10 grandchildren. His passion was his family and the outdoors. **Robert Howard** leaves

his wife, Carol; three daughters; and seven grandchildren. Before retiring in 1999, he was employed by the Town of Colonie, NY, as HR director and, like John, was an avid outdoorsman. **James "Bobby" Toomey** majored in political science and philosophy. Known as a dedicated teacher, exceptional writer, and talented artist, Bobby spent most of his life in Revere before moving to Fairfield, CT. **Joan Mullahy Riley** emailed to say **Sheila Kay Ross** died suddenly on March 18. "Her family loved her as the best wife, mother, grandmother, and nurse." Joan also reported the death of **Sharon Eisenhauer**, sister of **Laurel Eisenhauer**, PhD'77. Over decades of friendship, many classmates knew and loved Sharon. • We extend our sympathy to all the families. • Dear classmates, as always we wish you good health and joyful days. We would love to hear from you. Best always.

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NC 1962

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1963

A casual conversation with **Carl Trebby** and **Joe Dooley** stirred recollections of summers in the 1950s at a North Union Street, Arlington, playground, aka "The Pit." Habitués included boyhood pals **Carl**, **Joe**, **Paul Aiken**, **Tommy Aprille** '64, and **Ed Rae**. And at nearby **Thorndike Field**, two golden-glove guys, **Bob Uek** and **Dick Foley**, enjoyed summer fun in simpler times—no uniforms, no ump, and no coach. • From Tequesta, FL, **John Golden** checked in. He and wife **Kay** are doing fine, having overcome some setbacks. They were planning a trip to Chicago and looking ahead to hosting a classmate muster this summer—perhaps on Cape Cod? • **Theresa Thomas**, RJSJ, who was a Religious Hospitalist of St. Joseph in Burlington, VT, passed away in December. She held an MSE from Columbia University and an EdD from Nova University and served in various nursing roles at hospitals, as well as the **Jeanne Mance School of Nursing**, in Burlington and taught nursing education at **Vermont College** and **Norwich University**. She was also the Vermont representative to the **International Nursing Council** and a **National Accreditation** visitor to schools of nursing, and she continued community services in retirement. • **Paul Chabot**, of Clearwater, FL, passed away last March. He helped run his family's **Allstar Dairy** in Sanford, ME, later becoming co-owner of that enterprise as well as several locations of a small convenience-store chain. Long active with **Kiwanis**, he was a past president of the **Chamber of Commerce**; a coach and umpire for baseball, softball, and Little League; and an avid fisherman, skier, and cribbage player.

He leaves his wife, Lorraine; four children; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and four siblings. • Remembered for his warm and uproarious laugh, Art Ross tells of tropical travels. After earning his MS in geology from Virginia Polytech, Art began his career at Humble Oil and Refining in New Orleans. In 1967, he began active duty with the Army Corps of Engineers in the Canal Zone, where he and his "inter-oceanic canal study group" were charged with identifying 25 routes between Costa Rica and Colombia. He fortunately survived three small-plane crack-ups and more than one malaria epidemic—Art's word: "lucky." He later returned to Humble Oil and also taught new hires geophysics at Exxon's research center. Art is now retired and lives in Kingwood, TX. • Ray Mitchell, MEd'71, of Dover, NH, is founder and president of Trident Communications Group. Established in 1995, Trident's services include fundraising, marketing, communications, and public relations for nonprofit organizations. Ray has also organized benefits and celebrity forums featuring such illustrious figures as Judy Collins, Tom Rush, Dr. Benjamin Spock, and Dr. Joyce Brothers, among others. Earlier, Ray had held senior-level positions at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, New England Deaconess Hospital, and several other area hospitals. • In February, while on vacation in Fort Myers, Frank Foley watched the Red Sox score four runs vs. BC's respectable two. With a Green Monster looming behind left field, JetBlue Park replicates Fenway Park—Frank loved it! • Last February, at the Celebrity Golf Classic tournament at Plantation Country Club in Venice, FL, BC Varsity Club Hall of Famer Dave O'Brien "tackled" the links. A third-round draft pick for the Minnesota Vikings, Dave played for five years—60 NFL games in all—with the Vikings, the Giants, and the Cardinals. Larry Eisenhauer '60—an original Boston Patriot All Pro, AFL All-Star, and fellow BC Varsity Club Hall of Famer—went along on celebrity-golfing with Dave. • The Alumni Association board's Diane Eckland Van Parys '80 organized the details of the BC events held in conjunction with the St. Patrick's Day Parade in March in March, including the brunch Mindy and Bill Fitzpatrick hosted at their beautiful home. Those participating in one or more of the events included Gene Durgin, Eddie O'Brien, Bruce Ryan, Jack Greeley, Brian Sullivan MA'65, John Lewis, Paul Hebert, Jim Norton, Paul Daley, George Cunningham, and Paul Hardiman.

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NC 1963

Dear friends, our column will be a bit different this time. I am going to share with you a wonderful letter I got from John Daley about his wife, our classmate Marion (Kelly) Daley. First, John describes attending our 50th reunion. Sadly it was without his dear wife, who is suffering from cognitive impairment and lives in a sheltered facility. What John wanted to share was the amazing outpouring of love and support he and

Marion have received from her Newton friends. Friends, as John says, "of a lifetime." At the reunion, John connected with Carol Donovan Lewis, Margie Dever Shea, Donna Moran Robbins, Ann Joy Shields Cahill, Kathy Galvin Cannon, Maureen Kane Allman, and Dorothy Daly Voris. He took photos and showed them to Marion, who said that everyone looked just as they did at Duchesne all those years ago. Marion has been visited frequently by Janice Magri Renaghan, Martha Meaney Cummings, Ann Joy Shields Cahill, Maureen Kane Allman, and Dorothy Daly Voris. These visits buoy up John and Marion. Life has a way, as John says, of providing unwanted surprises. "The constant, faithful support of our friends is a most helpful counterweight for both of us." • This year at our reunion, we'll be discussing friendship. This is what it looks like. And this is friendship: At Newton South, aka Naples, FL, on March 21, there was a lovely luncheon at Fran Hesterberg McDonald's home. Present were Mary Ann Cole McLean; Jo Egan Maguire, MA'72; Mary Alma Bogert Connell; Pat Lyster Vitty; Anne Witteberg Egan; and Carol Donovan Lewis. • Also in Naples, every year in early March there is a special Mass celebrated by Fr. Leahy at the Ritz-Carlton for BC alumni and guests, followed by a brunch. This year Pat Lyster Vitty, Marie Craiglin Wilson, Fran Hesterberg McDonald, and Mary Ann Cole McLean attended along with their spouses.

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1964

55TH REUNION

May 31–June 2, 2019

Jim Spillane, SJ, MA'68, MDiv'76, who is teaching at St. Augustine University of Tanzania in Mwanza, was recently published in the Jesuit journal *La Civiltà Cattolica*. Jim writes that his article was on "poaching and the international crime syndicate that is supplying illegal ivory and rhino horns to China, Vietnam, and Thailand. This bimonthly journal in Italian has been running for almost 170 years and is a 'spokesperson' for the Vatican. Fortunately, this marvelous journal now has English, Spanish, German, and Korean editions." • Joining me at the Lacetare Sunday Mass and communion breakfast were Phil Sheppard, Sandy Carboni Natale, Bill Flynn, Bob Bent, and Dan Keleher MEd'69. • We have lost two classmates in recent months: Bob Ciero, a longtime resident of Ossining, NY, formerly of Yonkers, was a teacher and administrator at Yonkers High School, where he coached the basketball team at different times; he was also the former owner of a bar and restaurant. He was preceded in death by his wife of almost 50 years, Lorraine. Beth Murphy Dawson, of New Canaan, CT, and Mattapoissett, had worked as a nurse at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston and as a nursing instructor at Mount Auburn Hospital in Cambridge.

She was also a school nurse at New Canaan High School and Saxe Middle School. Beth was a Dame of Malta, taught CCD at St. Aloysius School, and was an active member of her local school and church communities. Survivors include her husband, James; 5 children; and 10 grandchildren.

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In March, Rosalind Aldrich O'Sullivan was one of several women who were recognized for making a difference in the lives of students and families in Cambridge. Her sister, Florence Aldrich-Bennett, writes that in Rosalind's 54 years as a teacher, she has truly made a difference in the lives of hundreds of families. The special celebration took place at Cambridge City Hall. • I had lunch in February with Peggy Cox Curran and Eileen O'Connor McMoran when I was visiting my daughter and her family in Providence, RI. Both Peggy and Eileen live close enough to Providence that this will definitely be a repeat event. • I'm very happy to not be the bearer of bad news this time around. I'm hoping it's a new trend. Keep in touch.

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1965

Jack and Rita McNeil Martin are traveling with their family—three children, spouses, and grandchildren—to visit the West Coast of Ireland and see Jack's family home. • My husband, Neal Harte, and I recently saw Rita at a St. Clement's High School get-together in Dover. Gerard Kiley, MSW'74, and his wife, Laura, were also there, celebrating many of us turning 75! • Mary and Jeff Somers, JD'86, and Neal and I were at a function in March hosted by Ellen and Frank Previte at their club in Naples, FL. • And recently back home from the Southwest, Michael Jones writes: "After spending a delightful winter in Scottsdale, we returned to Harwich Port to undergo a major renovation with our home. Hopefully this will not impact our golfing and boating activities for the summer." • Again, I ask that classmates take a minute and email me news for the next issue of class notes.

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NC 1965

Andrew '64 and Marylou (Comerford) Murphy spent an enjoyable winter in Poipu, HI. They returned to Bainbridge Island, WA, in time for beautiful blossoms and Mother's Day when all of their children and

grandchildren (12) along with two dogs were expected to come on the ferry for dinner. • Nancy Philpott Cook and her husband have returned from a fabulous cruise to Bermuda to celebrate her 75th birthday. Nancy reports that the weather was cold, and it rained half the trip, but the buffet was open 16 hours a day, and the shows were very entertaining. They did find some good weather for sailing and kayaking and then survived a treacherous bus ride from St. George's back to Hamilton. • Paul and Libby (Miller) Fitzgerald are loving their urban life in downtown Lynchburg, VA, with its increasing number of restaurants and cultural activities. Libby's public piano project, Hill City Keys, is now in its fifth year, with 11 beautifully painted pianos placed all over town this summer. • Mark and Lisa (Pustorino) Edmiston sold their house in Bronxville, NY. They have been very busy trying to unload 44 years of stuff! They have rented an apartment for a year until they figure out their next move. Like many of us who have relocated later in life, they are finding it difficult to cut ties to all their friends and activities and move away. In other news, Lisa had her second hip replaced in December. • Joan Mutty McPartlin attended the Newton Spring Tea in April, which this year also included BC alums in the DC area. Joan sat with Rowie Barsa Elenbaas, Sue Griscom Gale, and Joan Bishop Smith and enjoyed catching up. They discovered that the two Joans have been living about four miles apart in the Annapolis area for years! Joan and husband Paul also enjoyed a circular grandparent trip to Denver (boys 3 and 4) and Austin (twins—boy and girl—5). • Sue Griscom Gale was also in Denver for a weekend to attend a first communion. • Mary Thilman Hasselbring and her husband celebrated their 50th anniversary in the spring. They have settled outside Sarasota, FL, in a lovely wooded area where, Mary reports, 10 baby wood ducks hatched on their pond and then went swimming in their pool! • Margaret Schmitt Schmidt sent a very poignant note to many of us to let us know that, after a 10-year battle with cancer, she is now in hospice. Margaret, our class's cruise queen, has lived her life to the fullest, traveling the world with her husband, Arno. Margaret, we send our prayers and positive thoughts for your comfort and peace. • Judy Maguire is recovering from hip surgery, and Gay Friedmann has recovered from spinal fractures. Gay celebrated by visiting her niece in Minnesota. • Thanks to all who sent news! Don't wait for me to ask; send your news whenever you have time. • Enjoy every day.

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1966

Ann Riley Finck described her time as president of the Alumni Association as a wonderful, fun experience working with great BC staff and meeting and connecting with alums of all ages. Of course, Ann

remains involved in many alumni activities. She also described the inspirational BC Mass in March in Naples, FL, and enjoyed sharing it with classmates Cynthia Scalzi, Mary Fay, Charlie Smith, John Paxton, and Dave Birch. • Springtime in Massachusetts was celebrated with a visit to Cape Cod by a group of Connell School of Nursing classmates to attend a concert of the local New Horizons Band—with classmate Ginny Healy Lewis on saxophone. Great patriotic music, Ginny! The concert and lunch the next day included Ann Riley Finck, Sheila Belanger Sbrogna, Bonnie Gorman, Joan Garity, Kathy McEnelly Gramling, Denise Murray Edwards, Caren O'Brien Bonner, Muffie Tilley Martin, and Diane Connor. • I would love to hear from some other classmates from the other schools at BC. Whatever are you up to?

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NC 1966

Condolences to Judy McCluskey Flood on the death of her husband, Jim, JD '71, in February, and to the Flood family. Jim practiced law in the Lowell area, eventually forming a partnership with his children James and Catherine, both attorneys. Jim was a longtime affiliate of the Lowell Five Cent Savings Bank, serving as an incorporator, director, clerk, and, ultimately, member of the executive committee. He was also an avid golfer. His obituary states: "His passing will be a great loss to his family, his friends, and, more broadly, pretty much anyone who made his acquaintance. He possessed a rare, natural affability and couldn't help but make friends everywhere he went. Even while in the hospital, Jimmy Flood was making new friends. Upon learning of Jim's passing, his dear friend Jack Donohue wrote a tribute, [which] reads, in part: 'Jim's priorities were his family, his friends, his city, and his profession.... Jim and his family are Lowell's best foot forward.... At the end of our journey in life, it's about helping one another. Jim Flood knew and lived this truth.... His life was a blessing that death can never erase.'" • This friendship extended to other members of our class. In commenting on the obituary, which was posted on our Newton 1966 Facebook page, Patty Petzold Turnbull writes that she has many happy memories of Jim, remembering the summers they spent in Rye, NH, growing up. And Kathy Brosnan Dixon recalls that she went to kindergarten with Jim, and they hung around off and on as kids. Both she and her husband have fond memories of Jim: "Whenever we were with the Floods, we were sure to share lots of laughs and funny stories and come away from the experience happy to have been with them."

• Mary Lou Wachsmith moved from San Clemente, CA, to Denver in March—from near one set of grandchildren to near the other. • Jane Bianco Kelly and Kathy Brady Quilter ran into each other on the streets of Naples, FL, on Valentine's Day. • Your class secretary had bone spur/joint fusion surgery on her foot on March

15—non-weight-bearing for three months. It's a long haul! I so appreciate the simple task of putting one foot down after the other (still to happen as I write this).

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1967

It was great to see six nurses from our class who attended the Spring Connell School of Nursing Pinnacle Lecture on campus: Cynthia Rea Butters, Mary Ann Mahoney McGovern, Janet Crimlish, Maggie Kelly-Hayes, Carol Coakley Genereux, and Mary-Anne Woodward Benedict. Everyone is doing well and is retired, for the most part. Janet, however, continues her work at the Boston Medical Center, Maggie is still doing a "little" research, and Carol teaches a class at Simmons University. • Helen Purcell, also a Connell School alum, passed away in late April. Helen grew up in Medford and graduated from St. Clement's High in Somerville. She received her diploma in nursing from Mount Auburn Hospital School of Nursing. After graduating from BC, she was an instructor at St. Mary's School of Nursing in Montreal. She returned to the United States in 1968 and soon after joined the Air Force Reserve and was assigned to Hanscom AFB as an AFROTC liaison officer. She became a flight nurse and flew with the Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron at Westover AFB in Massachusetts. Later, at Pease AFB in New Hampshire, she served as assistant head nurse. She finished her career as IMA to the head nurse at Hanscom, retiring as a lieutenant colonel. The class extends its sincere condolences to her family and friends. • Short note requests for Gold Eagle pins were received from Kevin O'Malley, who now lives in Gloucester; John McCabe, now of Middletown, NJ; Len Casey, MBA '70, of Buzzards Bay; Carol Rietchel McCallum, of East Patchogue, NY; and Sue Loftus Jacobson, of Fairfax, VA. • Peter Lincoln was recently elected second vice chairman of the Liberty Bay Credit Union board of directors, which keeps him busy. He and wife Suzanne are enjoying their retirement in Scituate. • Dave Pesapane, now in Durham, NC, reports that he attends BC athletics events nearby. He has been to BC lacrosse, baseball, softball, and women's basketball games, all at venues within a 20-minute drive from his home. Dave says he sees between 25 and 50 BC fans at each event.

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NC 1967

Sorry, ladies, not much news for this quarter. You seem to have survived the wiles of this past winter. I did note that one person had frozen pipes that burst...our sympathies! We now better appreciate the warmth

and beauty of spring. • Some are on the road, seeing new parts of the world. Donna Shelton headed to Scandinavia in late May following her other travels reported earlier.

• Mary Lou Hinchey-Clemons has moved from her senior independent living apartment in Michigan to the nearby family home, because her son, who is in the Coast Guard, was reassigned to Michigan's Upper Peninsula. She says it made it much easier to share family moments. By the time you read this though, it will be the heat of summer we are contending with. • On another note, there is sad news that most of you have probably heard via my email messages. Bonnie O'Boyle, of Pennsylvania, who was a member of NC'67 for her freshman year but went on to graduate from the University of Pennsylvania, passed away in March. Responses arrived from a number of you remembering her after I sent out her obituary and picture provided by Renee Ermatinger DesRosiers. Renee and Bonnie had stayed in close touch for all these years. • In late April, Gerard Wood, husband of Denise Hern Wood, MEd'68, passed away at home after a short bout with cancer. Denise and their beloved beagle were at his side. • Our prayers go out to those feeling the pain of the loss of these classmates. • I am writing as we near one year since our 50th reunion. I kept hoping to hear how some of you managed to get together again on your own. Perhaps the winter, especially for those of you in New England, foiled well-intentioned plans. • The 25th Newton Spring Tea in the Washington DC metro area was held in late April, as reported in the last column. No classmates attended, but I had the opportunity to reconnect with other alumnae. (It was with great pleasure that I was able to attend this event and see that it still brought out a nice group, since I had been the coordinator for the first 10 years.) • Perhaps other gatherings are still being planned. As usual, though, I end with a plea for news; we would love to hear from even more of you. If you would like to get the occasional update between columns, but you are not on my email list, please send your contact information to my address below. Remember, I still need your news for those messages too. Any prayer requests should be sent the same way. • Until next time...

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1968

Greetings, friends. Alas, the deadline for submitting our column falls several weeks prior to our Class of 1968 50th reunion celebration. However, rest assured that we will be brimming with news about our grand and glorious festivities in our next column. We had a terrific response for our Golden Eagle events, promising great merriment and memories galore. I am particularly thrilled about joining many classmates for a prereunion dinner on the eve of the events and catching up with many now



"I've always tried to say yes, wherever I've been called, and to help those who have no voice of their own."

BEATRICE COSTAGLIOLA '67

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A Life Lived for Others

Sr. Beatrice Costagliola sums up more than 70 years as a nun and a nurse simply: "I have received much more than I have given in my years of service."

She joined the convent fresh out of high school. She'd always wanted to be a nurse, and after she completed her final vows, the order posted her first to Brighton's St. Elizabeth's Hospital and then to Peru, before sending her to BC to earn her nursing degree. "That was really tough," she says. "I had been speaking only Spanish for five years, and I was completely out of touch." It was the 1960s, and the Beatles were the hottest thing on campus. "What were Beatles?" she laughs. "I just thought they were big, black, shiny bugs!"

Sr. Beatrice's extraordinary career of service—which continues, despite her retirement in 2012—has included directing a nursing school in Peru and serving the poor in Mexico, on the Navajo reservation, and at a home for mentally and physically challenged children in New York. She provided nursing and pastoral care for nearly a decade during the Nicaraguan revolution, one of the most formative and difficult periods of her life.

Her other great challenge came when she joined Jesuit Refugee Service/USA as assistant chaplain at the El Paso (Texas) Detention Center, where her goal was to show the compassionate face of God to those waiting for deportation. "Detainees' basic need is to be recognized as individuals and to have someone listen to their stories with full attention and empathy," she says.

Today, at 88, Sr. Beatrice says, "I still do my little bit," bringing communion to nursing homes and shut-ins. "It's been a wonderful life."

highly accomplished women who shared the trials and tribulations of living in Greycliff Hall way back when. And at the reunion, so many of us will be accompanied by our dear husbands, those lads of long-ago who sported madras plaid jackets as they rushed us back to our dorm for our 11 o'clock curfews. • **William Currier**, of Salem, NH, has retired from the Army Reserve and National Guard as well as from working as a hospital technician. Bill is active in state Republican Party politics and has served as a trustee of New Hampshire Right to Life for 28 years. • **Tom O'Sullivan**, MED'70, of Medway, is continuing his retirement adventures, enrolling in a doctoral program to work toward a PhD. • Last year **Brian Froelich** was inducted into the Newark (NJ) Athletic Hall of Fame for his achievements in football and wrestling at St. Benedict's Prep. He and wife Jeanne celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their 5 children, 13 grandchildren, and many friends. • **Jim and Peggy (Grace) Maloney**, of Omaha, NE, have 3 daughters and 10 grandchildren. After retiring from the Air Force, Jim became a commercial pilot. Peggy sells real estate in the Omaha area. • After BC, **Kathy Salat Wiger**, of Cornelius, NC, received her master's degree from NYU and worked in Massachusetts. She and her husband, Harvey, have two children. Kathy and I were amazed and delighted to bump into each other at the Getty Museum this past spring! • Finally, my lovely and bright granddaughter Catherine will be a third-generation Day gracing the Heights as a member of the Class of 2022. My other lovely and bright granddaughter, Zoe, will be entering UCLA in September. Yippee! • That's about it, friends. Stay tuned for reunion news in our next column. • **Go, Eagles!**

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NC 1968

This column is being submitted less than one month before many of us gather on the Newton Campus to celebrate our Golden Jubilee. Stories and remembrances from the weekend will be included in future issues of the magazine, so stay tuned. For now, please know that several classmates have been working behind the scenes to ensure that all attendees have a marvelous time. In particular, **Jamie Coy Wallace** coordinated all the details for the Friday-night class party held at a Chestnut Hill restaurant; **Kathy Hogan Mullaney** collected and assembled photos from various classmates for a Saturday-evening slide show; **Judy Vetter** was instrumental in arranging a private tour of the McMullen Museum; and **Margaret Connorton Reilly** communicated with former Newton Dean Fran de la Chapelle, RSCJ, sister of classmate **Lynny de la Chapelle Doherty**. Fran will lead the Saturday-morning class conversation. However, it being a busy time of the year, some classmates wrote to say they

would be unable to attend. • **Joan Hauserman Collignon** has resided on the West Coast since 1970 when her husband, Fred, began teaching at UC Berkeley in the city and regional planning department. In addition to raising three children, Joan worked as a coordinator of docent volunteers at the Oakland Museum. Retired since 2011, she is passionate about investigating California ecology. She teaches kids about natural science at the museum and on a coastal wildlife preserve. The Collignon children and grandchildren live in New York and on the California desert. • **Cathy Hardly Bobzien**, of Reston, VA, wrote twice recently. In her first email, Cathy said she would be unable to attend the reunion because she had been chosen to be a question leader for the AP Calculus Read, where over 700 high school and college calculus teachers assemble. Cathy has been retired from full-time teaching since 2008 but continues as an adjunct professor at a community college. She and husband David traveled to Italy and Ireland this past fall, and most recently watched their son run in the rain-driven Boston Marathon. One son lives in Philly, and another is the at-large city councilman in Reno. They are able to visit their twin grandsons and granddaughter when they go to their Lake Tahoe condo. In her second email, Cathy wrote that everything changed on a dime, as husband David had been diagnosed with cancer and was expected to remain hospitalized for the next month receiving chemotherapy. Her email ended with "prayers are welcome." Absolutely, Cathy.

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James Van Buren was honored by the Massachusetts Bar Association as the recipient of its 2018 Access to Justice Pro Bono Publico Award, recognizing his remarkable dedication, throughout his career, to promoting and providing pro bono legal services to individuals across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. His work in this area truly exemplified the Jesuit model of service to others. Jim recently retired after many years as a sole practitioner of law in central Massachusetts. • I am sorry to announce the passing of **Maurice "Moe" Downey** on December 27, 2017. A longtime teacher, Moe was also a principal in the Boston and Framingham school systems, and after retirement, worked in the North Andover elementary schools. • **Jim O'Reilly's** 52nd textbook launched in May, and his 220th article will be out this summer. Jim teaches MPH and MD students at the University of Cincinnati's College of Medicine. • In March, watching BC play BU in the Hockey East semifinal, **Robert Coleman** ruminated on BC men's hockey. Although his terrific play-by-play saga is too long to include here, Bob begins: "I am reminded of a trip some 50 years ago to the tundra of Duluth, MN, where the NCAA Division I

Men's Ice Hockey Tournament took place, and the events leading up to getting there." In the first game, against Denver, "Keith Magnuson was on the Blue Line, Gerry Powers played goal, and Jim Wiste and Bob Trembecky played forward. Their first score came about four minutes into the game, and Mike 'the Eagle' Flynn tied it up before the midpoint of the period.... and as I recall **George McPhee** had 29 saves, and I get a grand total of 10 shots on their net...." Other memories include "attending the games in Albany, Denver, Detroit (with Special K and George), and Tampa; BC won all four of those Frozen Four tournaments, and I was lucky enough to be there. And the other two which I remember best were the game against Michigan at the Boston Garden and the game in Providence against North Dakota, which we didn't win, but they were as good as college hockey ever gets. It has been worth the price of the season tickets since Kelly Rink opened. Yes, indeed, all those things happened only 50 short years ago. So the next time you get a chance to watch a college hockey game, please know that somebody appreciated the games of hockey that BC played, the quality and excitement of your wins....and even the losses to the likes of Keith Magnuson and Kenny Dryden on the tundra in Duluth. And if you ever get a chance to go to the Frozen Four, I'm pretty certain you won't be disappointed—just don't miss Tampa if they ever go back there!"

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Hi, all! • **Ana Perez Camayd** recently hiked El Camino de Santiago. She began in Portugal, crossed the Minho River into Spain, and then spent six days hiking a total of 77 miles. She passed medieval towns, expanses of misty green countryside, and lots of Celtic crosses and gained an affection for modern bagpipe music. She finished at the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela. Ana walked with a group of international hikers, two of whom had had joint replacements—they were on their victory hike! Another hiking companion was Inez Stewart '78 from the first Newton class to graduate from Boston College. Inez is the past chair of Conexión, a mid-career leadership and mentoring organization; Ana currently serves as chair. Sounds like a victory for you, too, Ana. Congratulations, Ana, and thank you for sending in your news! • Check out my email address below and send in some news like Ana did. • **Owen Samuel Tuohy** was born on March 20 to Richard and Laura Tuohy; Owen is the newest grandchild of **Carol Romano Tuohy**. He joins his big sister, **Jane**. • **Oliver Tierney Welsh**, the newest grandchild of **Kathy Hartnagle Halayko**, was born to **Carly and Alex Welsh**. Oliver joins his two big brothers, **Henry and Rhys**. • **Polly**

Glynn Kerrigan is the acting president and CEO of Family Services of Westchester County. She oversees a staff of over 400. • Think about making plans for our 50th class reunion. It's next year, 2019. Can you believe it?

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Eileen Marquette Reilly sends greetings from La Cañada Flintridge, CA. She reports that Pat Quilty Halunen recently visited her to commemorate a milestone. Pat had been visiting Eileen on Memorial Day weekend in 2016 when Eileen's house caught fire; this was Pat's return trip to see—and celebrate—the reconstructed and redecorated house. We send congratulations to Eileen for her fortitude through a very difficult experience and best wishes for happiness in her new home! • Eileen adds that, besides house touring, shopping, and museum-hopping, she and Pat called Christina Anderson Jones, who lives in the Charleston, SC, area with husband Sam. We are glad to hear all is well with Christina. • Jane Endicott McMahon, on a two-week tour of Morocco, writes from Marrakesh: "The sights and sounds of life around us are mesmerizing!" • Jane Garvey Reilly has been traveling, too, but closer to home. She reunited with Patsy Robinson Komuniecki at a Sacred Heart Kenwood reunion, and also visited Patti Bruni Keefe at her charming new Medford home—just down the road from where Jane's daughter and three grandchildren live! When at home, in Florida, Jane teaches swimming at Carrollton School of the Sacred Heart in spring and fall. (She reports winter in Miami is considered "too cold" for students to be in the water, so that leaves plenty of time for her to visit out-of-town friends.) • Patti Bruni Keefe and husband John, JD '74, celebrated their 24th grandchild, Andrew Michael Marcucci, and are looking forward to the wedding of son Tommy in June. Patti says, understatedly: "It's never dull around here!" • Justine Meehan Carr was diagnosed with acute myelogenous leukemia and asks for prayers. She writes: "I have always believed in the power of prayer, but I now live the experience each day. We are praying for a curative bone marrow transplant, but in the meantime, I receive the gift of joy each day—a text, a call, a card, a meal, a visit, a beautiful sunny day—all of which seem to be the 'early deliverables' of prayer." She extends a shout-out to Meryl Ronnenberg Baxter, Joan Thompson Rogers, Teddy Thompson Helfrich NC '69, and Nancy Riley Kriz for supporting her through this new challenge. And she celebrates milestones achieved: 16 months of

delightful retirement travel and frolicking, daughter Nora's engagement, her new house in Ireland near where daughter Becky and a grandson live, and son Andrew's return from Asia to join a New York City hedge fund to be much closer to home. And she and husband Dan look forward to their 40th anniversary this year! Quite a joyous lineup! • One final note: a message to all grandparents, great-aunts, and others who care for children! Study after study shows that today's children spend far less time outdoors than we did as kids, with serious adverse consequences for their health, education, and well-being. Honoring the Future, the organization I direct, created a fun, simple, and rewarding program to encourage youngsters—and their adult caregivers—to connect to the outdoors. Our Nature SMART Kids program is free and online, so check it out on our website honoringthefuture.org, under Programs. And please pass this link on to all who care for the children in your life. • Please note my new email address, fdubrowski@gmail.com, so I can continue to receive your news! (I am discontinuing my old AOL account.) If you have not yet received an email notice of this change, it is most likely because we do not have your current email address. If so, please update me or Harriet Mullaney so we can stay in touch. • Many thanks and happy summer!

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Marian O'Loughlin MacPherson writes: "My husband and I are so fortunate to live on Cape Cod where we have raised our children. We have five grandchildren we love and enjoy. I have worked for many years for the Sandwich Public Schools and will retire in June as assistant principal of the Oak Ridge School." • Joseph Thornton remains actively involved in private investigation for the trial bar in Portland, ME, and just celebrated his 43rd anniversary in that profession. Joseph also maintains a seasonal residence in Venice, FL. • Jim "Rocco" Centorino, MS '75, continues to teach physics at Louisville High School in Woodland Hills, CA, and also reads the AP physics exams in June. This year several of his AP physics students submitted an article for publication based on physics principles. Jim also continues composing and recently published music for cello and strings. His original musical, *Senior Prom: The Musical*, is in the final stages of completion as a vocal album featuring the original student cast and will be released later this year.

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Happy summer from southeastern Connecticut! My newest venture has been joining the Stonington Free Library Book Club. Being in the presence of about 20 intelligent women has given my mind

the opportunity to explore literature in a way that I have not experienced in many years. In addition, I continue volunteering one day a week at the school where I last taught in Norwich. Traveling to Attleboro on Tuesdays to play with my now 4-year-old granddaughter also brings great delight. • Apparently, I am not alone in that department. Sharon Zailckas Lena shared that her trip to Hawaii, visiting with her two beautiful granddaughters, was almost as wonderful as the news that her son and his family will be moving to Pennsylvania. It will be much easier for her to visit them there. • Martha Kendrick shared that she enjoyed St. Patrick's Day with her grandchildren, Ali and Tommy. • Jane Maguire and Marie Robey Wood are still passionate about world travel. You never know where they will pop up next. • Kate Foley, Donna Perazzini Gwozdz, and I had a chance to meet again for lunch once the March snows had melted. We talked and talked about life in the slower lane, including Donna's multiple, complicated attempts to get a legible set of fingerprints in order to substitute teach in the district where she had taught full-time for over 20 years. • I have reached out to some other classmates who live in eastern Connecticut in hopes of having a casual lunch somewhere local, but so far I have had no response. • Please contact me with any news you would like shared.

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1972

Another BC football season is approaching, but I've been focused on another year of the Eagles—that of 1971. I've had a theory that none of the subsequent teams at the Heights have had as many senior-year players as the main source of yardage as that one. Thanks to the website sports-reference.com, I've confirmed it. As a passer and rusher, quarterback Ray Rippman accounted for 1,356 yards. Between rushing and receiving, Tom Bougus gained 1,087 yards, Bill Thomas had 679, and Ed Rideout contributed 608. Ed's total does not include his many yards returning punts and kickoffs. Ray went on to work in sales in Hilton Head, SC. Tom founded a company that promoted indoor sports events throughout the South. He has sold the business and retired to his two homes—on Hilton Head Island, where Ray is his tennis opponent, and in the mountains of North Carolina. Bill was a first-round draft choice of the Dallas Cowboys, later playing with the Houston Oilers and Kansas City Chiefs. Afterward, he moved back to Boston and enjoyed a long career as a biology teacher and football coach. Ed, a longtime resident of Medford, was a supervisor with UPS and later, a parole officer. • I got some sad news from my Gold Key Society classmate Jim Lewis, MA '75: Dennis Burke passed away in February. Dennis was a successful businessman, and at the time of his death, was owner and CEO of American Electro Products in Waterbury, CT. • Jim Lewis has been a language teacher at Xavierian

Brothers High School in Westwood for 45 years. Xavier has produced some renowned athletes who've gone on to BC and then to the pros: Matt '97 and Tim Hasselbeck '00 and Dana Barros '89. Jim reports that he has five grandchildren in the Boston area. • I also heard from Ed Hakim, who is still a practicing dentist, part-time, in Costa Mesa, CA. Ed's daughter, Aisha, is an art director for a major ad agency, where she produces TV commercials for her client, Audi. • My condolences to the Burke family and also to the family of Tom Tedesco, who passed away in Orlando, FL, in November.

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NC 1972

Please keep in our prayers our classmates **Laura Richardson** and **Linda Terranova Ducas**. Laura, who was the assistant dean of academic affairs and the director of preclinical education at Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, died suddenly at her home over the Memorial Day weekend. After Newton, she earned a master's degree in biology from the University of Virginia and worked at Georgetown University as a research instructor before receiving her doctoral degree in cell biology there. Many remember how she loved the Beatles and cherished the memory of seeing the Fab Four perform live when she was 13. Linda, who passed away in January, taught English language arts at Ponus Ridge Middle School in Norwalk, CT, for 21 years. Her two sons survive her. • In April, **Peggy McDonnell, RSCJ**, who was the head of the student health services at Newton, and I talked for the first time since our graduation. Sr. Peggy, a medical ethics advocate, was the founder of the nonprofit organization the Center for Ethics and Advocacy in Healthcare in Illinois in 1996. Following her retirement, she moved to the Teresian House retirement community in Albany, NY, in 2016. Sr. Peggy is living at Avila, the independent living facility nearby. Naturally, she wants to hear from everyone from Newton. • This year, **Lynn Chandler Pivik '74** sponsored our 25th Newton College alumnae tea, now expanded to include Boston College alumnae as well. Many thanks to Lynn and Pat Winkler Browne NC'60 for making this joint tea possible. • Please hear the call to send me Newton news. Take care.

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1973

Dear 45th-reunion Eagles, I'm not sure where all the time goes, but if I stop to think about all the years—and what I have done, where I have been, and what I have seen of the world—they are starting to add up in a good way. • I did receive notes from some classmates, letting us know what they have been up to. Like this one from **Pat Dillon, MS'75** (dillon@msu.edu), who writes: "The Class of '73 was well represented at the 50th

anniversary celebration of the BC Rugby Club. The original C Team met the other originals at the White Horse Tavern on Friday night, then joined over 300 people at the memorial Mass, alumni game, and gala dinner on Saturday. We had nearly a full team present, with forwards **Terry O'Donnell**, **Doug Goransson**, **Steve Miller**, **Marty Hopwood**, **Tom Murphy**, **Mike Flaherty**, and **Pat Dillon**, and backs **Michael O'Boyle**, **Jim Mullin**, **Brian Rothwell**, **Jim Cusick**, and **John Lowe**. Our departed teammates **Bob Collier** and **Al Depew** were with us in spirit. Great times catching up with everyone, highlighted by **Murph** taking the field against the undergraduates. He should recover soon." • And as I write in May, here are notes from two others who were looking forward to reconnecting with fellow classmates at Reunion. **James Faucher** (fauchersj@charter.net), of Woodstock, CT, writes that he is long since retired and keeping busy in part as housekeeper for his wife, who is an RN/NP in psychiatry. He writes: "For those who knew of my passion for motorcycles, it should come as no surprise that I've gone cross-country more times than I can count and also spent a month in Alaska, going right to the top of the Brooks Range. [I was] also fortunate to hit the Alps three times, along with Norway and New Zealand and hope to bag Croatia and Sicily next. Best to all my old friends." And finally, from **Jim Duffy** (jimduffy1952@gmail.com): "I recently retired from my third career, as CFO of a midsize company in Jacksonville, FL, after working for KPMG Consulting and spending 20 years as a Navy supply officer. My various careers have seen me live in nine different states as well as in Italy and Guam. My wife, Awilda, and I are traveling a lot. We recently toured South America and visited Machu Picchu, an absolutely incredible experience. We are planning on New Zealand and Australia next. I would love to hear from old classmates." • Thanks to all for catching us up! And if you attended Reunion and can recall some story that is fit to print, please send it along in August so we can add it to the catalog of memories and good times shared at the Heights.

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Thanks to all who send some news for this issue! • After a 34-four-year career in St. Louis, New York City, and Philadelphia with PricewaterhouseCoopers, **Francis "Kelly" McKeon** is enjoying his retirement in the Philadelphia area. He and **Ann (Blank) '75** have been married for 37 years and have three children and two grandchildren. This year they celebrated the marriage of their son **Sean '11**. • **Joe Abely**

wrote that on the weekend of April 27, BC rugby celebrated the 50th anniversary of its founding and honored Coach **Ken Daly** for his many years of dedication to both the men's and the women's programs. It was a great weekend. In addition to Joe, there was a great turnout from our class, including **Phil Glynn**, **Dave Filipek**, **Bob Langner**, **Bill Morin**, and **Jim Sullivan**. • **Bob and Marie (Sheehy) Grip**, of Mobile, AL, have had an eventful year. Marie continues to be very involved with the Mobile Ballet and the local Catholic high school and is also doing some freelance book editing. **Bob** has been a longtime member and past president of the International Thomas Merton Society, dedicated to research, study, and reading of the late monk who is considered one of the most influential spiritual writers of the last century. At the most recent general meeting, **Bob** received the society's highest award for his service to the group. And later this summer, **Bob** will be inducted into the Alabama Broadcasters Association Hall of Fame, a rare honor for an on-air newscaster. Congratulations! **Bob** is planning to retire in January, and his reduced work schedule has enabled the Grips to visit their daughter **Erin**, son-in-law **Jeremy**, and two grandchildren for a month in Australia, where **Jeremy** is on sabbatical. They are very happy to have their other daughter, **Mary Kate**; her husband, **Brien**; and their two children back living near them in Mobile. **Bob** writes: "Marie and I agree that there is nothing better than having grandchildren nearby!" • I am writing this column in early May, and I just realized that at this time next year we will be celebrating our 45th reunion. How did that happen?! • Please send me some news, either by email or the BC Class of '74 Facebook page.

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Hi to all! I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer enjoying beach days, travels, backyard BBQs, and sunsets. • **Dorothy "Dolly" Di Pesa** is proud to report that she is now president of the board of empower-HER. Formed in 2013 to support girls who have experienced the early loss of their mothers, the organization serves girls of all ages through group events and retreats designed to build a supportive community and offers a one-on-one mentor match program. All programs and activities are at no charge to the family. **Dolly** is also the 2017–2018 chair of the Quincey Chamber of Commerce. Her son **Anthony** is now a student at BC. **Dolly** notes that she enjoyed attending the weddings of **Vinnie Quealy's** two children this past year. • **Katie Ring Corcoran's** daughter

Kathleen '07 was married on March 17 at St. Ignatius Church in Chestnut Hill; a grand St. Patrick's Day wedding celebration followed at the Lenox Hotel in Boston. Katie's daughter Mary '12 was married in 2015; she and her husband are overjoyed with the birth of their daughter, Whitney Rose Davis, last December. Katie is thrilled with her new title of Nana Kate. Katie enjoyed spending an evening with Marianne and Donald Lucy at BC's Scholarship Dinner in April. • It's always a pleasure to hear news from Buenos Aires! Gregory Dayton writes that he sold his share of a gas compression company and bought out the remaining shareholders of an agricultural company. He's still involved with many projects and is busy raising his children, Theo (7) and Alexia (4). • I wish you all well and look forward to your updates!

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Mary Ciacco Griffin, of Albany, NY, sent along a wonderful update and began by saying, "I always love receiving the BC magazine so that I can read up on my fellow Newton alums. I thought I would write a little something for possible inclusion next time." We are so glad you did! Mary and her husband, John, became grandparents for the first time in September: Victoria Anne was born to their daughter Caroline and her husband, Andrew, who live nearby in Loudounville. They are thrilled and get to see the baby often. Many can probably relate to Mary's sentiment: "I have to keep myself from stopping there on my way home from work!" Son John and his wife, Evie, were married last May in Saratoga Springs (they live in New York City), and son Andrew and his girlfriend, Emma, live in Albany. "Nice to have my family so close," Mary writes. She and John bought a condo in Vero Beach, FL, a few years back and visit as much as they can. During a visit earlier this year, Mary was invited to attend a Sacred Heart luncheon for graduates of Sacred Heart schools. She writes: "It was great. I sat next to two women who had gone to Newton in the late 1950s, and they were asking me all kinds of questions about Newton when I was there and telling me some stories too. It is so nice to have that connection." • Coincidentally, my mother, who went to Newton Country Day School, and I have gone to the AASH Luncheon in Palm Beach for the past two years. It is truly a wonderfully inspiring event, sharing the camaraderie and special bonds of being a Sacred Heart "girl" with women of all ages and Sacred Heart school affiliations. • It was nice to hear from Mary Ellen Quirk too. Her daughter, Sarah, just finished her first year of law school at the University of Michigan. • I hope you are all enjoying the summer months and getting a chance to spend time with family and friends. Please keep in touch with your news. Take care!

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Nancy Ouellette Coppolino, MEd '81, died unexpectedly but peacefully last January at Brigham & Women's Hospital. Raised and educated in Waltham, Nancy earned both her BA and her master's degrees in education from BC and embarked on a career teaching and advocating for childhood reading. More than just words, books, she believed, were filled with hope, dreams, and possibilities. She taught at several schools and ultimately became director of reading and English language arts for the Waltham Public Schools, from which she retired last year after being diagnosed with a rare form of melanoma in 2016. A resident of Acton for many years, she was active in several organizations in the Acton-Boxborough area. Known for her sense of humor and fierce loyalty, she is survived by her husband of 38 years, Michael; her sons, Michael and Matthew; daughter Krista Curdall; and brother Robert. • Bruce McDonald, of Cliffside Park, NJ, passed away peacefully in his home last March. A graduate of the Englewood (NJ) School for Boys, Bruce earned his BS in management from BC's Carroll School. For decades he worked at Peter McManus Café in New York City and is missed by his "second family." Bruce is survived by his wife, Anna; his daughter, Ryan Kathleen; two sisters; and a brother. • Nancy Durkin McEvily passed away at home last March due to complications of Parkinson's disease. Nancy was a graduate of St. Rose High School and earned her BA in economics cum laude from BC. She resided in Interlaken, NJ, for 32 years and loved life at the shore and the company of family and friends. She is survived by her husband of 39 years, Paul; daughter Madeline; and sons Matthew and Brian and their wives. She was a grandmother of four. • Claire Dowling Dean '78 has scheduled a memorial service for the late, great Nick Dean, gone to years, in his beloved Montauk, NY, on Thursday, September 6, 2018. For more info, please contact this writer. • The induction of his beloved Moody Blues into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame must have pleased old friend Richard Carlin, who turned this writer into a fan while living in Welch Hall. Now it's on to Jethro Tull! • Wilfred Morrison and his wife, Mary D'Amore '77, welcomed a grandson, Judah Best, last April. Judah's mom, Tela, is congratulated by her godfather, Gerry Shea. • Wishing all a healthy and happy summer and autumn, and please keep in touch. God bless!

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Deb Schiavo, MBA '82, has much to be proud of: Her son, Connor, graduated from Purchase College in May with a BS in biochemistry. He wants to pursue his PhD (further delaying his mom's retirement plans!). Deb, Connor, and his sister, Taylor, are celebrating with a long-overdue family trip to Italy. Deb is still enjoying her commercial real estate finance work at Square

Mile Capital, and she is looking forward to another year of weekend trips to BC football games. • On a personal note, our son Alexander graduated with an associate's degree from the University of Hartford, number one in his class, and received the Kenneth L. Meinke Award for Outstanding Achievement in Academic Performance, Attitude, and Commitment and the Marilyn S. Smith Humanities Award. Alexander is going into his junior year and has decided to transfer to UConn this September. My wife, Carol; his sister, Olympia; our son-in-law, Michael; and I are very proud of Alexander. • Andrea Micek Holt is having a very exciting 2018! She relocated to The Woodlands, TX, and opened Jeffrey and Company Jewelers, on Creekside Forest Drive, where she is general manager. Andrea loves the Greater Houston area! Her daughter, Katherine, graduated from the University of Alabama, where she had a fabulous four years and helped cheer on the Bama football team to two national championships! Katherine is now moving on to her "dream" job at SapientRazorfish in Washington DC. • Our very dear friend Luis "Wito" Benitez Quihones passed away on February 17, 2016. May God rest his soul and bring comfort to his wife, Maria Rosa; children Luis and Jana; sisters Vionnet and Michelle; and grandchildren. Luis was a character, not only at BC, but also during his school years at San Ignacio in Puerto Rico, where his adventures are folklore. He was a good father and husband and an outstanding professional. Luis learned how to manufacture shoes from his father, Don Luis, at a factory in Manati and worked with Florsheim Shoes for decades. Luis met the love of his life, Maria Rosa Viteri, at El Dorado Beach, and they married in 1976. They settled in Cape Girardeau, MO, where Luis deepened his knowledge of manufacturing footwear at Florsheim. He returned to Puerto Rico in the early 1980s, settled in Del Mar, and took over the family factory. He later accepted a managerial position to run a shoe manufacturer in Costa Rica; several years later he moved on to run another shoe manufacturer, Wolverine Radicals, in Monterey, Mexico. Luis enjoyed traveling for business. • Kathy Gilsbach informs us that two friends of our class, Tom Pluta JD '75 and Pat McDonough '71, MA '72, JD '75, passed away within weeks of each other in January and February, respectively, after long battles with cancer. Pat and "Pluta" were well-known RAs in the South Street dorms beginning in 1973 while they were attending BC Law School. Both lived in the Washington DC area and were longtime federal government employees. • God bless everyone, and as my beloved mother, Kyriaki, used to say, "May all good things find the path to your door."

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1978

Hello to the great Class of '78! Sorry to have missed all of you who made it to our 40th reunion; I didn't get to Boston after all. My son, Jack Evans, graduated in May

from the University of Colorado, and sadly I couldn't afford to mark the occasion of my own college graduation in addition to Jack's. But please send me tales! • A special shout-out to Jim Prescott, who was drumming up support for attendance to the reunion, and thanks for his generous offer to try and get me there. You're awesome, Jim! • Speaking of awesome, in February the Albany County Bar Association lauded Peter Crummeys for his leadership and dedication to the association by honoring him with the President's Award at its annual Court of Appeals dinner. Peter, a past president of the ACBA, serves as the senior town justice for the Town of Colonie, NY. Three of his five children are BC graduates: Carol '08, Constance '11, and Canon '18. • Charlie Annaloro shared news that after 40 years in the investment industry, the last 27 as a senior VP of investments at Morgan Stanley, he recently decided to retire. Charlie and wife Heather look forward to the adventures of the next chapter in their lives. The Annaloros split their time between Longboat Key, off the coast of Sarasota, FL, and the North Shore in Massachusetts. • Ray Harris, of New York City, also announced his retirement from Morgan Stanley, where he was managing director and vice chairman. Over his 35 years with the firm, Ray had been president of the wealth management business and held a number of other positions. Sounds like Morgan Stanley "lost" some terrific, dedicated employees! • Beatrice Stipek is also reinventing herself, but far from as a retiree. She just finished her second master's degree, this one in mental health counseling, and is working as a staff therapist at South Bay Behavioral Health in Boston. She says it is her best job ever, and it feels good to be making a difference. • On some sad (yet touching) notes, Denis O'Shea, one of the Mod 31-A crew that included Charlie Annaloro, Charlie McCool, Chris Maher, Chuck Failance, and the late David Guhl, passed away in April in Sacramento. Phillip Raneli, another California-based (San Francisco) classmate, reported the January death of his wife and fellow '78er, Kathleen Gilmartin Raneli. The couple met their freshman year at the Heights. • Rich Oetheimer sent the news that before Kevin Cassidy died of lung cancer in May 2017, virtually the entire 1977-1978 men's rugby team gathered at Kevin's home in Darien, CT, to bring comfort, encouragement, and cheer to their lifelong teammate. Teammates included Craig Gilmartin, Rupert Leeming '79, John Cornell JD '82, Rob Connors '79, Rick McGeady, and Phil Dorsey. Half a dozen more of our classmates visited the Cassidy house too. Kevin and his wife, Jackie, have one son who graduated from BC and another who is currently a BC student. • Rest in peace to all and condolences to the friends and family of Denis, Kathleen, and Kevin.

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Deborah Foss Cox writes that she continues to enjoy working as an ERP consultant, traveling throughout the United States and helping companies implement or update their Epicor ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) software. She lives in Rochester, NY. • Joe and Teresa (Wasiuk) Cordo have sold their house in Sudbury and moved permanently to their Cape Cod home. They are looking forward to reconnecting with BC alumni on the Cape! Terry, a Connell School of Nursing alumna, recently retired from a very successful career as a nurse administrator at Lahey Clinic. Joe works in downtown Boston, where he heads up global marketing for Aquent. Joe and Teresa are the parents of three BC grads—and, Joe writes, "we have two future Eagles with our grandsons. Our family totals 10 now, with 7 BC grads, including 2 of our daughters-in-law." • In April, Derek Dalton was named president and general manager of WBBM-TV, an owned-and-operated CBS station in Chicago. Derek spent the last seven years as VP and general manager of WHEC-TV, Hubbard Broadcasting's NBC affiliate in Rochester, NY. His career, which began at WLVI-TV in Boston, includes 11 years with Tribune Broadcasting, working in sales for WGN-TV, and as general sales manager, VP, and general manager of KWGN-TV in Denver. He was also VP and general manager of KGTU-TV and KZSD-TV in San Diego. Derek is the father of three BC Eagles: Dillon '17 and current students Ailenn '20 and Connor '21.

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1980

Hello, Class of 1980! Who out there is achieving the seemingly impossible? Who is devoting time to helping others? Please send me your stories for our next column! • Mike Bower reports that he completed his 13th Boston Marathon in April during monsoon-like weather. "While not my best time, the conditions were so horrific that just about everyone had to struggle just to finish," he says. Each time he passes BC he still gets goose bumps. The students are very supportive of all the runners, and it remains a highlight of his run each year. In January Mike received a Salute to Framingham award from the Framingham High School Foundation in recognition of his community service work benefiting Framingham youth. In 2013, Mike was instrumental in organizing the Team Framingham program, which oversees training and fundraising for 22 Framingham runners to participate in the Boston Marathon each year. Since then, 110 of 113 team members have completed the marathon, raising more than \$360,000 for charity, with the majority of the funds supporting Framingham youth programs. Mike proves that we can still achieve seemingly insurmountable goals and have

athletic prowess at our young ages! • On a somber note, we are starting to lose more and more classmates. Please send prayers to the families of Anthony Ayers, of North Andover; Judy Cronin, of Cambridge; and Michael Kelley, of Ormond Beach, FL. Please note that I reported in our last class notes that Mike's wife, our classmate Terry Tsao Kelley, had passed in August 2017. • Attorney Lawrence Casey was identified as a "Recognized Practitioner in the Labor & Employment area" in the 2018 edition of *Chambers USA* guide. Selection for this honor includes interviews with clients and attorneys from across the country and is based on technical legal ability, professional conduct, client service, commercial astuteness, and diligence, among other qualities. Larry is a partner at the Boston-based law firm Davis Malm, focusing his practice on business law, employment, and litigation. • Toga Toga! Perhaps this should be the theme for our next reunion party? Anyone remember our inspiration for these parties made forever famous, or perhaps infamous, by the 1978 *Newsweek* photo in the Rat? In a snap and flash, classmates Mary-Beth Murray MSW '94, Kathleen Carboneau Hayner, and others in the photo, as well as all of us attending that toga party in the Rathskeller, including Terry Tsao Kelley and me in our dorm twin bedsheets, became part of the reported craze that swept the campus and the nation. All thanks to the now "classic" film (am I even allowed to name it here?) *Animal House*. Share that with your children and watch their expressions! • Classmates, please give me a "shout" with your news so that I can share snapshots of your lives. As we all move through life it becomes more important to take the time to catch up with one another.

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1981

A gathering of Class of '81 die-hards assembled in March to watch our men's basketball team take on the Clemson Tigers in the New York Life ACC Tournament at Barclays Center in Brooklyn. JT Fucigna organized the group, which also included Phil Brown, Doug Virtue, Mark Murphy JD '84, Paul Brazeau MBA '88, Joe Harkins, Ed Reid '80, Geoff Grant, Bob Schumaker, and Brendan O'Rourke. Paul, the Atlantic Coast Conference's senior associate commissioner for men's basketball operations, graciously arranged for the tickets and the luxury suite. Despite the Eagles' quarterfinals loss in the tournament, the boys enjoyed watching a very talented Eagles squad and the usual camaraderie of their BC brotherhood. • After 29 years of launching and building a B2B media and event business called the Path to Purchase Institute, Peter Hoyt sold his company and one year later, after a successful transition, retired last summer. Peter reports that he and his wife of 33 years, Peggy (Rice) '82, are living happily ever after in Winnetka, IL, and on Nantucket. Congratulations,

Peter! • Last summer, Jonathan Smith completed a second pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela, this time via the Camino Portugues. Jonathan lives in Philadelphia. • Bill Stephanos is the executive director/principal at Renew/FX Health & Wellness in Houston. • Please let me know what you and your families are up to. We would love to hear from you!

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1982

It has been a blessed month indeed for several of our classmates. Congratulations to Karen (Kelly) Kiefer, who was appointed director of BC's Church in the 21st Century by President William P. Leahy, S.J. Karen began working for C21 as an assistant director in 2008 and became associate director in 2011. • Grace Cotter Regan, MA'08, was appointed president of BC High last August, and on May 3, she was inaugurated as the first female president of the Jesuit school for boys in grades 7–12. Her inauguration activities began with a Missioning Mass, followed by a day of festivities at BC High and concluding with an inaugural cocktail reception. Thank you to both Karen and Grace, who are sharing their gifts and talents with the young adults at BC High and Boston College. Our 21st-century learners are in good hands as they are guided in their spiritual, emotional, academic, and social growth. • Last February, I had the pleasure of attending a Boston College Irish dance performance, Elevate. It was incredible. My niece, Eileen McAleer '19, and her Irish dance troupe were amazing. I would highly recommend this presentation when it takes place next February. • Condolences to classmate Dorothy Bush Koch on the loss of her mother, former First Lady Barbara Bush. Mrs. Bush will be remembered by many as a kind woman who valued family and was a strong literacy advocate for children and adults, as well as for her wit and humor.

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1983

Jennifer Censullo Pissarik is a psychology professor and the behavioral science chair at Middlesex Community College in Bedford. She married her college sweetheart 35 years ago and has four grown daughters. • Robert Buetti has been married for 28 years to his wife, Nancy, and they have three boys: Robert (Holy Cross '15), Christopher (Wake Forest '17), and Peter (Quinnipiac University '22). Rob is an executive director of Daiwa Capital Markets. The Buettis live in Bay Shore, NY, and continue to share their passion for all things related to the water—boating, fishing, sailing, and spending time on the beach. Robert "sends a shout-out to Debo, Chris R., Moon, and Rich C." • Writing in May, Gina Bough Sisti was looking forward to celebrating her son's graduation from Bowdoin on May 26 and to our 35th BC

reunion in June! • Michael Sitar, MD'88, writes: "Disabilities may have limited my ability to work, but I am making the most of my retirement giving back to my community, studying the history of Boston, and being a father to my surviving children."

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1984

35TH REUNION

May 31–June 2, 2019

Greetings, classmates! Here's the news.

• Jeff Nicholson received his BC degree in biology and philosophy and went on to earn an MEd and a PhD. He has been a Jesuit novice, medical missionary, physician assistant, and medical-legal assistant, clinically practicing as a PA for 27 years and working as PA faculty for 12 years, including as director of the University of Wisconsin–Madison's PA program. Now he and wife Roxana, who were married in 1990 in the Newton Campus Chapel, are looking forward to semiretirement in Cape Coral, FL, next year. They will continue spending summers in Wisconsin. Jeff sends a big hug and hello to all our classmates, especially those in the University Choral! • Suzanne and Greg Mancini's son Griffin will be attending Boston College in the fall as a freshman.

• Rosemarie Cottle Miller is currently a homemaker living in Nebraska, where her husband teaches math at York College. Her daughter is getting a master's degree in computer science at Oklahoma Christian University, and her son is a UNO graduate, working as a computer engineer in Iowa. Rosemarie had spent several years as a vocational missionary in Milan, Italy, and now she and her family are enjoying living in the Midwest. • Sheila Burns McWilliams writes that after touring no fewer than 40 universities in four years, she is happy to report that her kids are all now in college. Sean is a senior at BC (go, Eagles!). Justin is a senior at Chapman University's film school and loving it; Caitlyn is a freshman at Marquette; and Ryan is a freshman at Holy Cross. Sheila writes that the fall will be full of parents' weekends, and weekends on the home front will be a lot quieter.

Sheila and husband Keith are excited for their kids and are looking forward to many new adventures. Sheila is still enjoying life in San Francisco/Silicon Valley and is always happy to visit with classmates as they travel west. She is looking forward to seeing everyone at our 35th reunion next spring! • With sadness I report that our classmate Anthony Jones, of Lyncourt, NY, passed away on February 3. Tony was a 1980 graduate of Henninger High in Syracuse and while at BC played on the offensive line in front of Doug Flutie. Known as the "Mayor of Lyncourt," he was an entrepreneur/roofer for his company, Peak Remodeling. He loved spending time with his friends and family at his camp on Hyde Lake. He is survived by Debra, his wife of 23 years, and his daughters,

Abbey and Kayla. To Tony's family we send our sincere condolences. • Thank you to classmates who responded to my emails requesting your notes and to the emails BC sends requesting your notes as well. Let's keep this column strong, especially since we have another reunion approaching. Happy summer to all!

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1985

Hi! Thanks to those who sent in notes! I am writing this column while in a New York hotel room, and Lonnie Quinn just came on CBS News to update me on the weather—small world—but we have all sorts of classmate news this quarter. • Thomas Zambito is working as an investigative reporter for the USA Today Network in White Plains, NY. He was recently honored by the Deadline Club of New York and the Society of the Silurians for his reporting on the Indian Point nuclear power plant and the Metro-North Railroad. Congrats, Thomas! • Paul Terrie is been teaching math and coaching multiple sports at the Singapore American School since 1997. His daughter will start as a freshman at BC this fall in the Class of 2022. • Christine Smith, JD'88, lives in Canton and is an attorney with Minasian Becker LLC in Arlington. She keeps in touch with BC friends with football season tickets. • After 30 years in various senior-level corporate roles, Ben Montenegro got his real estate license and joined forces with Andrew Abu Realtors in Northborough. He works in MetroWest Boston listing and selling properties. • Belgrade Lakes, ME, was the location for a March reunion of Mod 33-A and 33-B, where they skied and did some winter hiking. Attendees included Ray Serra, Steve Herrick, Brendan Nolan, Jim Pier, Kevin Beam, Tim Rea, and Paul Gervais '86. A few weeks later, a group including Gregg Sweeney, Ken Ryan, Brendan Nolan, Ray Serra, Steve Herrick, Tim Rea, and Jim Pier met in Boston for dinner in the North End and NCAA basketball. • In April, Peggy Fleming Strakosch was awarded the William V. McKenney award at BC's 2018 Distinguished Volunteer Awards Dinner. Her husband, Greg '84, and sons Tim '14 and Jack '16 attended the dinner. Also present were Mod 14-A roommates Chrissy D'Entremont Mosher, Cathy Murphy Counsell, Kathy Donahue Kelleher, Ann Porell McGoldrick, and Nancy Gonsalves as well as Lynne Frates McEvoy. • Hillsides C-56 roommates had a minireunion in Boston in April. Eileen Goers Thornberry, Rachel O'Hara Kurtyka, Pam Risio Ferraro, and Mary Tyrrell Coughlin spent a long weekend in Wellesley at Mary's home. They visited campus but missed Shelly Barillo McGillivray and Lisa Hartunian Campbell, who were not able to attend. • Congrats to Martha Bagley, who is an attorney and recently received an award from the Boston Marine Society for her work on issues critical to the Port of Boston. • Steven DeLuca, JD'88, is in his 10th year of practice in his law office of Sullivan Whitehead & DeLuca in

Providence, RI. His daughter Talia just finished her freshman year at BC, and Steven is looking forward to BC football games this fall. • Please continue to send in your news. Correspondent: Barbara Ward Wilson bww415@gmail.com

1986

Hi, 1986 Eagles! This issue is very special for me to write, because I have the pleasure of telling you about one of our most successful, loyal, generous, fun-loving classmates, Dave O'Connor. On April 6, at the Boston College Distinguished Volunteer Awards dinner, Dave was the recipient of the 2018 James F. Cleary '50, H'93, Masters Award for his loyal, unwavering service to BC for decades. Dave was thrilled and honored to receive such a significant award from BC because, as he said, he is just giving back and doing what he loves for the best college in the world. Dave is currently serving his second term as a BC Trustee, and he also co-chaired the 25th Anniversary Pops on the Heights gala and served on our 1986 Reunion Committee. He serves on the board of the Wall Street Council as well as many other professional boards and committees. But he says he is proudest of his family: Maureen, his wife of 27 years and a St. Joseph's University Hawk, and his daughters, BC Eagles Janie '16 and Kelly '18. The night was amazing, and it was also very special that the original Keyes North/Keyes South freshmen crew, who have remained best friends since 1982, were able to share in his epic night! Dave, congratulations, and know that Bob Duran, Chris Massaro, Jim Walsh, Matt and Judi (von Feldt) Taylor, Ron Murphy, Tony Zarillo, and Leenie Kelley are the proudest and biggest fans you will ever have; we love you and thank you for all you do for our alma mater. You truly epitomize the BC motto, "Ever to Excel." Keep soaring! Others in attendance to share this epic night included Beth Vanderslice, Peter Bell, Mike and Sheila (Munsell) McCauley, Mark and Joanna (McShane) Dow, Diane Casey Boulanger, and Kristine Steinkrauss Blount, along with other '86 Eagles who joined the crowd. A special shout out to all our '86 classmates who go above and beyond to donate time and financial resources to Boston College: You are amazing volunteers who make a difference for BC today and in the future. You Eagles rock! • Well, it was a total blast writing this column, and for our next issue, I look forward to hearing from other classmates about awards, life events, vacations, and any news you wish to share with our classmates. I hope everyone is still living the dream. Go, Eagles!

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1987

In February, Mission Doctors Association presented Mark and Molly (Delaney) Druffner with the Msgr. Anthony Brouwers Award in recognition of their faith and

service in rural Tanzania over many years. Mark and Molly began their service in 1990 in Kenya and had hoped to continue serving internationally. In 2010, having learned of the needs in a remote location in Bwambo, in rural Tanzania, Mark and Molly—along with their seven children—went back to Africa. Since then, they have returned each summer to Bwambo, where they have made a great impact: The hospital staff has doubled from six to more than a dozen members since the Duffners' arrival, and they have also raised funds for an ambulance, improved patient care, and helped many people who have no other option for care. • Karim Kavar writes from the UK: "I am the proud chairman and cofounder of IrisGuard. We developed a secure and trusted payment platform utilizing our iris recognition technology. We partnered with UNHCR, where registered Syrian refugees are able to go to an ATM machine without a bank account, without a card, and without a PIN to receive their cash assistance with dignity. And with the World Food Program they are able to buy their food in a supermarket and pay with their irises at the cash register from the WFP account." They are also now utilizing iris-enabled Android devices to transact over mobile smartphones, and they recently received a grant from the IFC to expand into Africa. • Terry Morreale received her MS in nursing from UMass Lowell. Now a certified adult geriatric nurse practitioner, she recently began a new career as an anesthesia NP. Terry lives in Wakefield. • Barry Mitchell has been named among the Best-in-State Wealth Advisors for 2018 by *Forbes*, which ranked him the No. 17 wealth advisor in New York State. Barry's career in financial services spans more than 30 years: He joined UBS in 2011 after nearly a decade at Bank of America Merrill Lynch and became a managing director at Mitchell WealthCare UBS Financial Services in 2016. He is now a senior portfolio manager in the UBS Portfolio Management Program, and this year he was selected as a member of the FA Advisory Council. A lifelong Westchester County resident, Barry lives in Rye, NY, with wife Lis and children: Barry III, BC Class of '21; Margaret; and John.

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1988

The ladies of Hillside A33 were pre-gaming it for a spa weekend in the Berkshires prior to all getting together at our 30th in June! The group included Anne Mullen McGoldrick, Anne O'Connell Vandenberg, Maureen O'Connor Mansfield, Maureen Palmer Ronan, Janet Ward Curley, Susan Mahanor, and Valerie Gill Oehler. • Hopefully, the rest of us are also "preparing" for the reunion! This time, due to deadlines, the recap will appear in the fall issue, giving me plenty of time to "recover."

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1989

30TH REUNION

May 31–June 2, 2019

Greetings, classmates! We're one year from (gulp) our 30th reunion in May 2019, so it'd be good to start the conversations on who-where-what now! Share an update soon! • Having settled in Berlin, Jamie Moore (jamie.moore@gmx.us) has worked at Fulbright-Germany since 2017, where he enjoys "giving back" after his own seminal Fulbright fellowship year, and reconnecting with his former freshman-year Perspectives professor, James Weiss, who is now a BC campus advisor for Fulbright. • Timothy McEnerney (timmcenerney89@bc.edu) writes that he is "consulting on a time-travel project with a government agency, the 'travel' part being a bit of a misnomer as the future exists simultaneously with the past." • Megan Carroll, JD '92, has been an empty nester this year but keeps busy competing in ballroom dance, traveling for work as a financial specialist with the Bulfinch Group, and taking frequent trips to Martha's Vineyard. Son Eoin loves NROTC at Maine Maritime Academy. • Tomas Simón lives in suburban Charlotte, NC, with his wife, Kate, and kids Owen (12) and Julia (10). He is a senior tax advisor in global tax policy at Bank of America. • Kristin Aiello (kaiello207@gmail.com) was honored in 2017 by Disability Rights Maine for 16 years of service. She previously served as a commissioner on the Maine Human Rights Commission. She resides in Hallowell, ME, with her husband, Walt McKee, and their two daughters. • Tom McDevitt (blubae@yahoo.com) has settled in Portland, ME, with his wife, Amy, and son, Jack, and is working with Life Flight, flying air ambulance helicopters. • Michael O'Loughlin's (shania67@gmail.com) daughter Margot is now a BC student, Class of '21, and son Michael is a high school junior who enjoys marching band and his music group at the New England Conservatory of Music. Michael is an assistant clerk magistrate, Central Division, Boston Municipal Court Department, one of the busiest courts in Massachusetts. • After a long career in higher education and voice-over work, Sandra Higgins decided to pursue her dream and opened OROPFA, a socially conscious, eco-friendly gift shop and cafe in Duxbury, where she lives with her three children. OROPFA (named after a sanctuary near Sandra's family home in Italy) opened on Earth Day 2016. It was named the "Best Gift Shop on the South Shore" by *South Shore Living Magazine* and voted No. 1 Gift Shop, No. 1 Coffee Shop, No. 1 Home Decorating Store, No. 1 Women's Clothing Store, and No. 1 Jewelry Store in Duxbury on *Wicked Local's* list of Readers Choice Awards. Sandra welcomes any BC alum to stop by: The first cup of coffee is on her. • *A Chance in the World*, the best-selling book by Steve Pemberton, H'15, has been adapted into a film, which was shown nationwide on May 30. For every book purchased, Steve and Tonya Pemberton's A Chance in the World Foundation will donate a book,

a life session, and a movie purchase to a child involved in foster care. A University Trustee and frequent visitor to BC, Steve is a resident of Chicago, father of three, and chief people officer at Globoforce, a pioneer company in workforce engagement and social recognition.

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1990

Hello, classmates! I wanted to wish everyone a happy 50th birthday this year! I am writing this to you on the eve of mine, and I still feel like I am in my early 20s (at least in my mind). Be sure to write and tell me what kind of fun events you are having to celebrate! • Christine Trombetta Flanagan writes that she and husband Brian '85 have their first Eagle alum, Clare, who graduated in May—and another Eagle, Tom, will be starting his studies at the Heights this fall. Christine and Brian have seven children, and the top four are college kids—all attending Jesuit universities. Congrats! In fact, Clare graduated with Aaron Kelleher, son of Christine's BC roommate, Kristin Pelletier Kelleher. The two Eagles even played together in BC's marching band for three years! • I hope you all are well. I look forward to hearing from you!

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1991

It is with great sadness that I write of the passing of our classmate Jaime Crowley, MA'96. Jamie passed away peacefully on February 15 at Mass. General Hospital after a courageous battle with leukemia. He is survived by his wife, Melissa, and his children: Ryan, Gavin, Maeve, and Michelle. Our prayers are with Jamie's family and friends. • Michael and Elaine (Lockhart) Antonellis, MA'93, are so proud that their son, Erik '18, graduated from the Carroll School of Management in May. Keeping the Eagles in the family! Michael was recently promoted to chief marketing officer at the National Brain Tumor Society, the largest nonprofit solely focused on the brain tumor community. Elaine is a behavioral specialist in the Watertown school system, and she is also taking courses toward her certificate of advanced graduate study. The Antonellis' daughter, Michaela, is an education major and field hockey player at Stonehill College. Both Elaine—a Double Eagle—and Michael are on the Boston College Band 100 Year Anniversary Committee and also volunteer for the BC Career Center and Alumni Association. • Desmond FitzGerald and wife Gloria Lara recently moved to a house near BC's Newton campus. Gloria has been serving on the board of a nonprofit, NEACOL, which raises funds for Colombian children. • Peter O'Keefe is working as an agent with New York Life in San Francisco. • And a note from

Rey Roldan: "After starting my career in journalism in Boston, I moved back to the New York City area to get into the music business. I was very instrumental in the launch of numerous careers of musicians such as Britney Spears, the Backstreet Boys, Macy Gray, and Charlotte Church, and have worked with Sting, Duran Duran, Hootie & the Blowfish, director Baz Luhrmann, the Go-Go's, and Hanson, among hundreds of others. I started my own entertainment PR firm, Reybee, Inc., and now work with musicians such as the English Beat, Alison Moyet, Gang of Four, We Are Scientists, Blue October, Taking Back Sunday, Manic Street Preachers, and The Orb. In July, I'll be going to London for The Cure's Hyde Park concert as a guest of The Cure's Lol Tolhurst. So, yeah, things are going pretty peachy keen."

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1992

Hi, everyone! Hope you are all doing well. It was great to catch up with so many of you at the reunion last year. Unfortunately, I do not have any updates to share for this issue. If you have news that you would like included in this column, please get in touch! Hopefully there will be more updates to share in the next issue.

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1993

By the time you read this, our 25th reunion will be a couple months in the past. I'm sure we had the *best time ever!* Updates from that will appear in the Fall issue. For now, some other fun news: Chris Woods recently launched a purpose-driven apparel brand called Badass & Brainy, where 10 percent of profits go to the Cancer Research Institute. He employs brand ambassadors on top college campuses, and his first hire was a sophomore at BC. • **Kim "Scout" Flynn** is retiring from teaching after 25 years. Her next chapter is academy director for young, elite tennis players; running her home business; and trying to find an agent for her novel. • **Martin Gobbie** has been living in Brooklyn for 22 years with his wife, Heather, whom he met at Brandeis when both were getting their MFAs in acting. They have two kids, Phoenix (16) and Rue (14). Martin did some acting but really focused on a restaurant career. He's currently at Major Food Group's The Grill in the Seagram Building in the old Four Seasons restaurant. • Some brave classmates suffered through the Pinstripe Bowl to see BC fall to Iowa: Sharad Shau, Amy Sime Pesavento, and Pat Hermosura. • **Colleen Freeman** leads business development efforts for the legal technology practice at FTI Consulting, recently named one of *Forbes'* Best Management Consulting Firms. • **Ian Brown** is working on his fourth album. The last three are available on iTunes, Spotify, and Pandora. More at www.ingarbrow.com. He and wife **Trish Endriga Brown** are still happy after two kids, one dog, 18 years of marriage, seven years of dating, and 29 years of being friends. They've been in the San Francisco Bay Area for 20 years. • **Mehul and Erin (Espinola) Gadhavi** moved to Laguna Niguel, CA, from Kinnelon, NJ, for work. They are enjoying this next chapter with children Jalen (16), Alaina (13), and Tej (13), and dog Rey. • **Alyssa Kimmel Bailkin**, CAES '00, is a certified child life specialist at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. She is married and raising her 13- and 16-year-old girls in Center City, Philadelphia. • **Erin Burke Harris'** second quilting book, *Make Your Own Medallion*, was published in December by Lucky Spool Media. One of the quilts featured in the book hung at the Modern Quilt Guild's national juried show. Erin has been writing a craft blog, houseonhillroad.com, for over 11 years. She lives in Louisville, KY, with her husband of 21 years and daughters, Jane (18) and Kate (16). • **Joy Olas Surprenant's** nonprofit, Catching Joy, which promotes volunteerism and acts of kindness beginning with kids, will celebrate 10 years in September. See catchingjoy.org. • **John Sullivan MS'99**, **John Coffey**, Joe Marsh, and Karina Alberto Adourian had an impromptu reunion at the Jim Gaffigan show at Foxwoods in January. The conversation immediately turned to their days on the Newton campus in Duchesne East. (Correspondent's note: Keyes is still the best.) • After 14 years in the UK and Norway at Sony and Samsung,

Carl Kallen returned with his family to the U.S. and the city of Chicago, where he works with Zebra Technologies. • **Kelly Kane** moved to Tulsa, OK, in July to become the executive director for early childhood education for Tulsa Public Schools.

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1994

25TH REUNION

May 31–June 2, 2019

Hello, all. I was at BC Commencement this year (my brother got his EdD) and can't quite believe we have our 25th reunion next year. Wow! Get ready! • Now, some notes. **David and Rupal (Patel) Poltack** wrote to share news of our classmate **Damon Cartelli**. Damon's daughter Brynn just won NBC's *The Voice* and, only 15 years old, is the youngest contestant to have won. Brynn is also the niece of fellow classmate **Jeff Liguori**. • **Liza Makowski Hayes** and her husband, Neil, have taken new faculty positions at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. Liza continues her work in immunometabolism, and Neil is the new scientific director of the West Cancer Center, UTHSC, Liza, Neil, and their three kids love Memphis!

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1995

In May, **David Minker** joined Hanscom Federal Credit Union as chief information officer, responsible for a team consisting of IT, digital strategy, project management, data analytics, and business intelligence. David was previously CEO and president of his own outsourced IT services company, CMIT Solutions. He began his technology career in the mid-1990s at Microsoft and also served as VP of application software engineering and technical services at Control Corporation, which had acquired a company he'd founded after he developed an integration solution for disparate hotel technology systems. • Also in May, Tara and Vic LaPira proudly watched their son Marshall graduate from Boston College with a BA in art history. • Just beginning his college experience is **Melissa Conlon's** son Lawrence "Renz" Conlon-Bastianelli; he has earned a scholarship to play Division II lacrosse at Franklin Pierce University in New Hampshire, where he plans to major in environmental science. And Melissa, as part of a team of educators at Longwood High School, was recently awarded the U.S. Army Leadership Award. The recognition was presented to Longwood High School, where Melissa is an assistant principal, based on the school's dedication to the principles and development of leadership, character, honesty, and selfless service for students both in and out of the classroom. Melissa writes: "As the daughter of a brigadier general (U.S. Army), I was ecstatic to be a part of this honor and plan to continue to support the values represented by the award while

enlightening students about STEM career opportunities, inclusive of those offered by the branches of our nation's military."

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1996

M. Scott Knox writes that, after eight years at Brooke Charter Schools in Boston, he's joining Root, a youth workforce development nonprofit, as executive director. Based in Salem, Root offers a 12-week training program that prepares trainees to work in the food service and hospitality industries. Congrats, Scott! • Meanwhile, Shane and **Jim Roth** recently welcomed a daughter, Daphne. She joins big brothers Nathan (8) and Carter (4). They live in Darien, CT, where Jim enjoys coaching Little League.

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1997

This is a short but sweet update. Please do keep your news coming! • Joel '99 and **Tracey (Maffeo) Amico** welcomed daughter Liliana in January. Liliana joins big sister Isabella (2). Tracey and Joel continue to reside in Manhattan. Tracey is celebrating her 20th anniversary at Ketchum, a global public relations firm, this year. • After 12 years in London, in November 2017 **Tracie Laurinaitis** moved to Madrid, Spain, where she is head of HR Iberia for JP Morgan (better known as Chase in the U.S.). She is enjoying her new role as well as the sunshine and the ham! • Speaking of sunshine: **William Waters** wrote from Nevada, where he is an attorney at the Clark County Public Defender's Office in Las Vegas. • And in further career news: Appointed in July 2016, **Jennifer Bencivengo** is the proud principal of Old Greenwich School in Greenwich, CT!

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1998

Juan Peñalosa has left his position as senior VP at Mercury Public Affairs to serve as the executive director of the Florida Democratic Party. Juan lives in Miami and is looking forward to the November elections—and to our 20-year reunion. • Classmate **Charles "Chad" Peacock**, of Los Angeles, passed away on December 17, 2017. • Looking forward to our reunion! See you there!

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1999

20TH REUNION

May 31–June 2, 2019

Greetings, Class of 1999! Hope you have had a great summer and are preparing for the fall and another season of BC football! • I haven't heard anything from anyone this quarter, so that means either that now

that we all have turned 40, we are all done doing anything noteworthy, or that we just forgot to send in word of all the amazing things we have begun to do now that we are in our 40s. Whatever the case, please send in some updates so we'll have something for the next magazine. I hope to hear from at least a few of you soon!

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2000

Class of 2000, where are you? I am guessing that everyone is so busy celebrating your "special" birthdays this year that you have forgotten to send me your wonderful news. • On a personal note, I am proud to say that I ran my first Boston Marathon for the Botswana Oncology Global Outreach program through Mass. General Hospital. Running through BC and Cleveland Circle brought back many fond memories of Marathon Mondays during our days there. Thank you to all my BC friends who supported me throughout this journey. • Please remember to send me any news you would like to share with the rest of the BC community. You can either email me or post it to the BC alumni online community. I always check there for news before I write this column.

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2001

Our classmates are doing great things! • Alyson Mathews has been named a 2017 and 2018 Super Lawyers New York Metro Area Rising Star. • In early 2018, Maggie Messitt was named national director of Report for America, an initiative of the GroundTruth Project. RFA is working to address news deserts in America—the slow disappearance of community journalism and the critical role this kind of reporting plays in democracy. This is a national service program for journalists, through which she will be training, mentoring, and placing talented, emerging journalists in newsrooms across the country. • Thanks for staying in touch! Keep those announcements coming.

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2002

Congratulations to Kristin Beckman, who has been practicing commercial litigation since 2005 and lives in New Orleans with her husband and two children. Kristin has been putting her political science degree to good use, both in law and when watching political news, which she says she can't get enough of right now. While her improv comedy days are over, she still uses improvisation in everyday life, including while parenting and in the courtroom. Kristin encourages her classmates to visit New Orleans and

looks forward to seeing everyone at our next reunion! • Douglas and Kolleen (Skoney) Johnsen are proud to announce the arrival of their third daughter, Margaret Jane, born on April 26, 2018. She joins big sisters Abigail and Emily. • I close with a very sad note:

Emily Rose Kearney passed away of brain cancer at age 37 on June 1, 2016. An Honors Program student and math major/education minor at BC, Emily went on to earn an MEd in urban education and pursue a career as a middle school math teacher in urban settings. She was a committed, generous, creative, and energetic teacher at Mystic Valley Charter School in Malden for the last five years of her career. She will be much missed by her students, family, and friends. • It would be great to hear from more of you! I encourage you to email me with any update you have. I hope everyone is having a great summer!

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2003

Nate and Katie (Foody) Proulx announce the birth of their third daughter, Corinne Kathleen, on July 20, 2017. Big sisters Erin and Bridget are thrilled with their new baby sister! • Bence, MBA'09, and Christine (Zisko) Magyar welcomed baby girl Esme Claire in March. Esme joins older brother Blaise, whose wardrobe already includes a lot of maroon and gold. Christine is VP of finance at a Boston-based biotech startup, and Bence is a senior product manager at Pegasystems in Cambridge. • On October 17, 2017, Brody '02 and Kari (Knight) Stevens welcomed their third child, Noah Corrae. The family lives in Ardmore, PA. Kari is the current president of the Philadelphia Chapter of the BC Alumni Association. • Roy, MEd'04, and Jillian (DeGuiseppe) Lee, MEd'04, welcomed their fourth child, Reece Cronin, on July 10, 2017. Reece joins his twin sisters, Eliana Marie (8) and Samara Joy (8), and brother, Kai Ronald (4). The newest addition was baptized on January 21, 2018. In attendance were his godfather, Francis Sweeney, and Caitlin McGrail, MEd'06, who is godmother to their eldest son, Kai. The family resides in Sayville, NY.

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2004

15TH REUNION

May 31–June 2, 2019

Brendan Jay has joined labor and employment law firm Fisher Phillips in Los Angeles as of counsel. Previously an attorney with Ogletree Deakins, Brendan has been named a "Rising Star" by Southern California Super Lawyers every year since 2015. He earned his JD in 2017 from Southwestern University School of Law, where he was special projects editor for the *Southwestern Journal of Law and Trade in the Americas*.

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2005

Nick and Marcela (Sosa) Bucklin welcomed their son, Lucas William, into the world on January 7, 2017. Older sister Sophia has taken the changes in stride. Marcela works as a senior merchant at Sephora USA corporate, while Nick continues his work as a municipal bond portfolio manager at Franklin Templeton. He earned his MBA at UC Berkeley's Haas School of Business in 2016 and is a CFA charterholder. • Melissa Tully was promoted to associate professor with tenure in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of Iowa. She was a communication and English major at Boston College and received her PhD at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2011. • It is with great sadness that I announce the passing of Clare Dreesch in May. Clare was a beloved member of the Class of 2005. She starred on the women's basketball team, teaming up with classmate Jessalyn Deveny-McNamar, MSW'09, to make one of the most talented teams in the history of the University. BC won the Big East Tournament championship in 2004, which included conquering the UConn Huskies, and Clare helped lead BC to another victory over UConn the following season in her senior year. Diagnosed with breast cancer in 2011, she was valiant in her fight against the disease. During her time as an undergrad, she requested that the BC women's team enter the court to Eminem's song "Lose Yourself." Like the song, she made the most of her opportunities in life. She will forever live on in BC fame as a member of the Varsity Club Hall of Fame. Those who knew her best will miss her personality, joking nature, and fighting spirit.

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2006

As I write, Wes Hazard is slated to appear on *Jeopardy!* on Monday, July 9. We'll be watching...! Wes was a member of BC College Bowl (BCCB) during his time as a student at BC.

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2007

Frank Gatto married Tannaz Lavian on March 24 in Los Angeles, where they reside. Frank writes: "Tannaz and I met about four years ago, and we knew right away that we had something special. In fall 2016, I was able to bring Tannaz to BC and share with her the amazing, life-changing experiences I had had at the Heights. She was able to meet a few of my mentors, like Dean Darcy, Henry Humphreys (former director of res life), and Dean Keely. AVP of Student Affairs George Arey was also kind enough to give us a tour of the newly constructed Thomas More Apartments, and we enjoyed a

couple of meals at McElroy and on Lower Campus. It was amazing seeing all the new improvements BC has made over the past decade and hearing about the ones ahead. Thank you, Boston College, for the best possible undergraduate experience ever and for the chance to share those memories with my wife." • **Cristina Vitiello Sheldon**, of Port Washington, NY, continues to run a growing jewelry business, **Cristina V.**, which she started during her sophomore year at BC. "CSOM classes paying off!" she writes. • **Megan Connelly** and **Tyler Gaffney '06** recently married at the Don CeSar Hotel in St. Petersburg, FL, Megan's hometown. Fellow Eagles in the bridal party included **Bill Clerico** and **Luke Howe '06** and Megan's college roommates **Katey Sullivan-Clerico** and **Whitnie Low Narcisse**. Many Eagles attended the wedding, including **Richard Aberman**, **Tyler Bates**, **Nick Deming**, **Ryan Galligan '06**, **Emlen Page MSW '14**, **Chris Pizzo '06**, **Lauren Reliford**, and **Jill Shadek** as well as Tyler's father, **Tim Gaffney '79**, along with **Doug Welsh '79** and **John '79** and **Lorraine (D'Angelo) Nealon '79**. Megan and Tyler live in San Francisco, where Megan works for **Saks Fifth Avenue** as the area marketing director for San Francisco, Las Vegas, and Hawaii, and Tyler has his own business, **Entrepid Partners**, helping tech startups accelerate growth.

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2008

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2009

10TH REUNION
May 31–June 2, 2019

Kristin Ferguson recently completed her doctorate in nursing practice at Duke University. Kristin lives in Washington DC. • **Jeremy Marks** and **Danielle Bastien '08** were married in Berkeley, CA, in July 2016. After graduating from the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University, Jeremy began teaching religious studies at Saint Mary's College High School in Berkeley. Danielle teaches history and English in the Oakland Unified School District. • On April 7 **Robert Santoro**, MTS'12, married **Blair Destito '10**. • **John McQuade** and his wife, **Megan**, welcomed their son, **Patrick**, on March 27. Patrick entered the world ready to cheer for the Eagles! • After presenting "Atticus, an Advocate: Developing Rhetorical Analysis Skills Through *To Kill a Mockingbird*" at the 2016 national convention of the National Council of Teachers of English in Atlanta, **Kristina Aste-Mayer, MEd '10**, took her presentation to Mansfield, MA, in late 2017, where she demonstrated her unit to the New England Association of Teachers of English at their regional conference. In summer 2017, Kristina also completed a seven-week

semester at the University of Oxford, where she studied the representation of city and country in 18th-century literature. *Correspondent: Timothy Bates
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2010

Caryn Switaj recently moved to Northern Virginia after more than five years working in communications with the Boston Bruins and traveling around the U.S. and Canada. She has transitioned into a job working for former Olympian **Tom Dolan** at a local swim school and invites anyone who wants to work in pro sports to reach out and connect!

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2011

John Howie married **Mikaila Koenig** on November 11, 2017, in Jacksonville, FL. John is a senior member of the investment team at Willett Advisors, the private family office of Michael Bloomberg. Mikaila is a residential real estate broker with the Alexander team at Douglas Elliman. The couple reside in Brooklyn Heights, NY. • **Kayleigh Dudevoir** recently joined the Chicago Symphony Orchestra as their new donor engagement manager. **Kayleigh** married **Tyler Hawthorne**, of Chicago, on February 24. • **Daniel and Erin (Daley)** Duquette are happy to announce the birth of their first child, **Danny**, on March 22. The Duquettes live in Simsbury, CT. • **Kelly Solis** recently received the International Association of Privacy Professionals' Certified Information Privacy Professional for Europe (CIPP/E) designation. • **Diana Morris** has published a new book, *Lachesis' Allotment: A Short Collection of Notes, Observations, Questions, and Thoughts*, a hybrid collection of short essays and screenplay that explores the nature of friendship and our relationships with the people in our lives over time.

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2012

Mais Driscoll and **Liam Keegan** were married on December 31, 2017. Members of the BC community in the wedding party included **Meghan Driscoll Devlin '09**, **MK Downer**, **Emily Mendes**, **Kat Brandenburg**, **Max Proano**, **Patrick McGillen**, **Cody King**, and **Brendan Howard**. **Riley Sullivan** officiated the ceremony.

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2013

Congrats to **Kyle Fitzpatrick**, who received his JD degree from Fordham University School of Law in May!

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2014

5TH REUNION
May 31–June 2, 2019

It's been over four years now since graduation! I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at our five-year reunion next year at the Heights. Please continue to send updates via email or Facebook. • The Reverend **Kyle Seibert** was ordained on March 20, 2018, by Bishop Michael Burk at Zion Lutheran Church in Muscatine, IA. He has been called to serve as pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church and Campus Ministry in Hanover, NH.

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2015

In May, **Tara Blotnick** graduated from Syracuse University College of Law with honors. She has accepted employment with PWC in their New York City office and plans to move to Hoboken and commute to Manhattan.

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2016

After spending the first several years out of the Lynch School of Education as a full-time substitute teacher at various school systems, **Alienna Arnold** has accepted a full-time position with E Prep Cliffs School, a college preparatory charter school in Cleveland, OH, where she will be an English language arts instructor.

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2017

Christina Dunn is a registered nurse at Mass. General Hospital on the cardiac surgical (ICU) step-down unit. She is also the "falls champion leader" in charge of preventing patient falls throughout the hospital and a member of the Quality Improvement Practice Committee for the floor. Christina credits her preparedness in the nursing field to her time in the Connell School of Nursing. • **Jihyun "June" Song**, who earned his degree in biochemistry, is now a strategic development manager at International Precision Medicine Center, a cell-therapy-oriented precision medical service and community complex based in South Korea. IPMC has been introduced worldwide through NY Times Square, Yahoo Global, and more and looks to take a pioneering role in standardization of future medicine with a focus on genomic data generation, analysis, and clinical application. June's work at IPMC helps to build toward the vision and future of the innovative company. • **Lauren Blewett** is working in Chicago as a part of the Kuchner Dermatology Gap Year Program. Her focuses include dermatologic surgery, youth teaching, and research of laser treatments for chronic inflammation. Lauren is planning to attend medical school

following the completion of her program, with a specialization in dermatologic surgery. • In February, Grace Yu graduated from the merchant development program at Saks Fifth Avenue, where she completed a rotation as a trainee in the Saks buying office. The program combined on-the-job experience and classroom instruction. Now, as an assistant buyer, Grace manages the businesses of 11 beauty brands. She helps oversee a buying process from start to finish, which includes attending market and deciding how to allocate units of monthly launches across over 40 stores in the U.S. and Canada and online. She manages the budget from month to month, negotiates with vendors to return unproductive inventory, and works with marketing, advertising, and digital teams to execute unified messaging.

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2018

Congratulations, Class of 2018! My name is Lizzie Lolis, and I'm thrilled to be your class notes correspondent. I will be joining many of our class in New York City as a financial analyst for Ally Financial. Please send your updates to me at the email address below. I look forward to hearing about all your future successes, joyous days, and accolades!

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BC SOCIAL WORK

In March, David Sherman, MSW'12, received the National Kidney Foundation's Excellence in Social Work Award, which honors members of the local community who have been outstanding in the promotion of kidney health and the fight against kidney disease. David began his career as a health and wellness consultant, but when a recession hit 10 years ago and he found himself out of work, he went back to school and became a licensed social worker. Now a clinical manager at Fresenius Kidney Care, working with patients in Boston's Dorchester neighborhood, he says he gravitated to dialysis care soon after earning his MSW from BC. He manages a caseload of 110 patients, delivering care to a diverse population and focusing on forging stronger connections, positive engagement, and more meaningful relationships with patients, which he believes leads to better care and ultimately more positive treatment outcomes. • Jennifer Ward, MSW'07, of Falls Church, VA, was profiled in the Association of Black Social Workers DC Metro Chapter's online feature "Women in Social Work." Jennifer, who has been a social worker for nearly a decade, is engaged in neighborhood and community services for local government in Fairfax County, VA. She says being a sociology major with minors in psychology and women's studies as well as the influence of an undergrad professor who was a licensed social worker in Massachusetts, cultivated

her interest in social work and human services. The quote she lives by: "To whom much is given, much is required."

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CARROLL SCHOOL

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CONNELL SCHOOL

After completing an NIH-funded Midwest Regional Postdoctoral Training Grant (T32) in Eating Disorders Research at the University of Chicago, Karen Jennings, MS'11, PhD'16, will be starting a new position this fall as an assistant professor at the University of Rhode Island.

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LAW SCHOOL

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LYNCH SCHOOL

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MORRISSEY SCHOOL

In March, Chad Brouillard, MA'98, was named a partner at Foster & Eldridge, a litigation firm in Cambridge specializing in the representation of medical providers in civil lawsuits throughout New England. He also serves on the board of the Mass/DLA and as chair of its Medical Malpractice Committee, and he has written numerous articles and served as a professional speaker on issues pertaining to electronic health records, health information technology, and medical liability issues. In addition to his MA from BC, Chad holds a BA in English literature and philosophy from UMass Lowell and a JD from St. John's University School of Law. Chad lives in Watertown with his wife, Daniela, and children: Alexander, Nicholas, and Sophie.

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STM

Elizabeth "Coco" Osborne, MTS'11, CAES'13, is teaching high school theology at Roncalli Catholic High School in Omaha, NE, and working part-time for St. John's Parish at Creighton University. • Wendy Morrison Crosby, MTS'11, completed her

PhD through Loyola University Chicago in 2017. She is an assistant professor of religious studies at Siena Heights University in Adrian, MI. Wendy is also the proud parent of Anselm Theodore Crosby, born last August. • Rhonda Miska, MA'12, is a canonical novice with the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters, at the Collaborative Dominican Novitiate in St. Louis, MO. • Emily Kahn, MTS'11, completed her PhD at Iliff School of Theology and the University of Denver in 2017. She is a teaching fellow in religion at Augustana College in Rock Island, IL. • Sean Gross, MTS'10, finished a PhD in ethics and social theory at the Graduate Theological Union. He is teaching full-time at Archbishop Murphy High School in Everett, WA. In addition, he is an adjunct for the religious studies department at Santa Clara University as well as for the Jesuit School of Theology's online MTS program. • Joe Miller, MA'10, is teaching morality and social justice, and coordinating Christian service at Notre Dame College Prep in Niles, IL, where he has been since 2013.

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WCAS

The celebratory dinner honoring the graduating Class of 2018 was held on April 17. Among the WCAS alumni in attendance were three award recipients: Lisa Hassan '97 shared that she was surprised and honored to receive an award recognizing her service chairing the WCAS Alumni Executive Council. Lisa will be stepping down from her role this month, and Michael Rodriguez, MS'15, will remain as co-chair of the council. Michael will continue to engage and to honor the unique paths of the graduates of the Woods College and their many interests. Richard Reilly, MS'03, former SVP of the American Arbitration Association, received the 2018 Alumni Service Award, which honors a Woods College graduate who embodies the Jesuit ideals of men and women for others and demonstrates dedicated and exceptional service to the Woods College community and beyond. And Christopher Kreider '16 received the 2018 Distinguished Alumni Award of the Woods College of Advancing Studies, which honors a notable graduate who embodies the Jesuit ideals of men and women for others, and who pursues the greater good in all things and exemplifies care for the whole person. The former BC hockey star and current New York Rangers forward is also engaged in charitable and service activities, especially the Garden of Dreams Foundation, which helps children who face homelessness, poverty, or illness.

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BOSTON COLLEGE ALUMNI DEATHS

1940s

Edward R. Lembo, Esq., '45, JD '53, of Franklin on May 10, 2018.

Thomas J. Loftus '45 of Nahant on April 22, 2018.

John R. Serafini, Esq., '45, JD '49, of Prides Crossing and Salem on March 31, 2018.

Angelo J. Lorusso '47 of Manchester, NH, on May 26, 2018.

Thomas W. Moran, Esq., '47 of Swampscott on April 1, 2018.

Eileen Dunlevy Endyke WCAS '48 of Lawrence on June 20, 2018.

Laura McDonald Perry WCAS '48, MSW '51, of Towson, MD, on May 7, 2018.

Gerald M. Galligan '49 of Canton on April 11, 2018.

Robert L. Marble '49 of Hyannis and Lynn on June 5, 2018.

John J. Waite Jr. '49, MA '51, of Winchester on May 15, 2018.

1950s

Edward F. Callahan Jr. '50, MA '52, of Westborough and Pocasset on April 19, 2018.

James W. Collicary '50 of Phoenix, AZ, on May 22, 2018.

Gerard F. Daly '50 of South Yarmouth on March 31, 2018.

John C. DeLang Jr. '50 of Boynton Beach, FL, on April 24, 2018.

Marion Conran Donovan, MSW '50, of Dover, NH, on March 30, 2018.

Thomas J. Giblin '50 of Wellesley and Naples, FL, on April 23, 2018.

Leo M. Howard '50, MEd '55, of St. Augustine, FL, on April 24, 2018.

Walter J. Oates Jr. '50 of Watertown on June 25, 2018.

Barbara Ryan Dolan, MSW '51, North Kingstown, RI, on June 13, 2018.

Maurice J. Hynn '51 of Framingham on May 1, 2018.

Gerald S. Levinson '51 of Montreal, Quebec, on February 6, 2018.

Donald Levitan '51 of Northampton on April 3, 2018.

Joseph B. Lyons '51, MBA '65, of Westwood on April 18, 2018.

Thomas A. Moore '51 of Alamogordo, NM, on April 25, 2018.

William E. O'Donnell '51, MA '54, of South Dennis on May 5, 2018.

Eugenie O'Hagan NC '51 of Washington DC on May 9, 2018.

Guy Remy '51 of Weston on April 22, 2018.

Edward J. Bresnahan '52 of North Eastham on June 11, 2018.

David L. Fitzpatrick '52 of Waltham on June 2, 2018.

Vincent L. Hagerty '52 of Abington on April 30, 2018.

Charles L. Hanafin '52 of Burlington on October 1, 2017.

Walter J. Pacek, MSW '52, of Palatine, IL, on May 28, 2018.

Frederick J. Sigda '52 of Evansville, IN, on May 1, 2018.

Marie Cormier, RCE, NC '53 of Framingham on January 9, 2016.

Richard P. Curran '53 of Woburn on April 6, 2018.

Dennis C. Holtz '53 of San Clemente, CA, on April 7, 2018.

Robert J. Hurley '53 of Arlington on December 9, 2017.

William J. Leary '53 of Boca Raton, FL, and Boston on May 19, 2018.

James R. McIsaac '53 of Brighton on March 22, 2018.

John C. McPhail '53, MBA '63, of Winchester on February 23, 2018.

Thomas M. Quinn Jr. JD '53, of Dartmouth on April 25, 2018.

Donald E. Burgess '54 of Westlake, OH, on February 2, 2018.

Francis X. Flannery '54 of Chestnut Hill and Marshfield on May 5, 2018.

Madeline Placentino Heine WCAS '54 of Southborough on May 13, 2018.

Anne Sullivan Taylor '54 of Danvers on June 2, 2018.

Joseph P. Tuohy '54 of Bridgewater on April 21, 2018.

Robert G. Harding '54 of Northborough on April 8, 2018.

Lawrence C. Kenauss, MS '55, of Middlebury, CT, on May 14, 2018.

Alfred E. Mazukin, MEd '55, of East Dennis on March 28, 2018.

John G. Barry '56 of Baltimore, MD, on January 19, 2018.

William F. Connor '56 of Haverhill on April 30, 2018.

Kevin Kirk '56, MA '79, of Lynchburg, VA, on April 13, 2018.

Elizabeth Mullin McCabe '56 of Scottsdale, AZ, on March 28, 2018.

Thomas L. McManus '56 of Quincy on April 13, 2018.

John D. Murphy, MA '56, of Wellesley; Harwich Port; and Naples, FL, on June 18, 2018.

Lucille Hartigan O'Connor NC '56 of Birmingham, MI, on May 25, 2018.

Florence Ouellette, MSMS, '56 of Waltham on February 19, 2017.

Elinor Callanan Slattery '56 of Malden on April 24, 2018.

Vito F. Tamboli '56 of Saint Louis, MO, on May 11, 2018.

John L. Darcy '57, MSW '59, of Maplewood, NJ, on May 20, 2018.

Frederick W. Iarrobino '57 of Harwich and Rosindale on June 10, 2018.

Joseph E. Marino, Esq., JD '57, of Fort Myers, FL, on February 3, 2018.

Harold F. McKinnon Jr. '57, of Marblehead on April 1, 2018.

Margaret Grace O'Connor, SC, NC '57 of Hackensack, NJ, on May 6, 2018.

Arthur T. Ahearn '58 of San Juan Capistrano, CA, on April 5, 2018.

George J. Bigelow '58 of Windsor on May 5, 2018.

Robert E. Black '58 of Mattapoisett on May 2, 2018.

Gael M. Burns '58 of Natick on June 22, 2018.

Thomas W. Cail '58 of Sarasota, FL, formerly of Chestnut Hill, on June 26, 2018.

Richard Cobb-Stevens '58, MA '59, of Carlisle on July 6, 2018.

Robert F. Cummings '58 of Salem on April 8, 2018.

Paul F. Dolan '58 of Milton and Vero Beach, FL, on June 1, 2018.

Christine Busalacchi Gaffney, MEd '58, of Quincy on May 24, 2018.

Mary F. Cahill Leyland NC '58 of Washington DC on May 13, 2018.

Richard Karkut Jr., JD '58, of Westerly, RI, on May 4, 2018.

Anthony M. Martin '58 of Carefree, AZ, formerly of South Dartmouth, on June 21, 2018.

Ira N. Nottoson, Esq., JD '58, of Boulder, CO, on March 27, 2018.

Edmund J. Solari, Esq., '58, of Brookline on May 5, 2018.

Carol Brady Vigliano '58, of Sandwich on March 22, 2018.

Ralph R. DeSimone '59 of Plymouth on June 12, 2018.

Edward J. Hayes '59 of Seabrook, NH, and North Andover on April 14, 2018.

Paul F. Hughes '59 of Greenland, NH, on May 8, 2018.

James L. Lacasse, FIC, MEd '59, of Alfred, ME, on April 16, 2018.

Barry McGrath '59 of Carlsbad, CA, on April 29, 2018.

Edward V. Puopolo, Esq., JD '59, of Dedham on May 22, 2018.

1960s

Paul F. Amico, Esq., JD '60, of Danvers on April 7, 2018.

Richard Carton '60 of Hanover on May 5, 2018.

Joan McGinnis Clark '60 of North Smithfield, RI, on June 2, 2018.

Stephen A. Denapoli '60 of Naples, FL, formerly of Bedford, on May 23, 2018.

Phillip W. Doherty '60 of Hingham on May 21, 2018.

Robert F. Kelleher WCAS '60 of Arlington, VA, on April 3, 2018.

John J. Kilkelly '60 of Saugus on April 17, 2018.

Anita Marie Lambert, DHS, MEd '60, of Windham, CT, on June 3, 2018.

Joseph S. Maroun '60 of Methuen on April 24, 2018.

Walter A. Morin, MS '60, of Bridgewater on April 11, 2018.

Paul L. Poirier, MEd '60, of Belmont on June 18, 2018.

William F. Rizzo WCAS '60 of Venice, FL, formerly of Revere and West Bridgewater, on January 10, 2018.

Paul F. Cavanaugh, Esq., JD '61, of Medfield on July 24, 2018.

Ronald Czerwona '61, MBA '64, of Jacksonville, FL, on March 14, 2018.

Claire Laroche, SUSC, MEd '61, of Lawrence on May 1, 2018.

Mary E. Walsh NC '61 of Cambridge on April 11, 2018.

Donald G. Even '62 of Burke, VA, on May 16, 2018.

Helen Maureen Fitzgerald '62 of Plattsburgh, NY, on May 27, 2018.

Ruth E. Harzbecker WCAS '62 of Rosindale on June 6, 2018.

Dorothy Upson McCabe '62 of Sherborn on April 12, 2018.

Elinor M. Stanton '62 of Naples, FL, on April 16, 2018.

John M. Trainor, MSW '62, of North Grafton, formerly of Worcester, on April 11, 2018.

Mary Rita Agnes Cronin '63 of Worcester on May 5, 2018.

Peter L. Dionne, MA '63, of Augusta, ME, on March 27, 2018.

Harry F. Doyle WCAS '63 of Danbury, CT, on April 16, 2018.

Nancy Waeber Gleiman NC '63, MEd '79, of Chapel Hill, NC, on January 26, 2018.

Rita E. Grygus '63 of New Britain, CT, on April 2, 2018.

Brendan P. Kelley '63 of Newport, RI, on May 18, 2018.

James M. Matarazzo '63, MA '72, of Winthrop on April 17, 2018.

Marion Brooks Muschell '63 of Torrington, CT, on April 27, 2018.

Ann Bell O'Neill '63 of Chincoteague Island, VA, on December 9, 2017.

Jeffrey Speno '63 of Mill Valley, CA, on April 14, 2018.

Robert L. Burns '64 of Conway, NH, on January 1, 2016.

Kevin J. Cusack '64 of Rockville, MD, on April 16, 2018.

Kenneth F. Dolan '65 of Palm Beach Gardens, FL, on April 17, 2018.

Charles P. Laplaca '65 of Franklin on June 18, 2018.

Michael J. Manning '65 of Boston and North Palm Beach, FL, on April 26, 2018.

Joseph M. Moran '65, MS '67, of Ledgewood, WI, on June 20, 2018.

Stephen F. Perry '65 of Clermont, FL, on June 17, 2018.

Donna Smith Sullivan '65 of Mystic, CT, on April 14, 2018.

Barbara W. Bilek '66 of Brewster on April 10, 2018.

Charles L. Chaney '66 of Pacific Grove, CA, on May 15, 2018.

Helen G. O'Leary WCAS '66 of Randolph on June 17, 2018.

Virginia Vessa-McLaughlin, MSW '66, of Larchmont, NY, on April 10, 2018.

Gerald E. Warner, SDB, MEd '66, of New Rochelle, NY, on April 2, 2018.

John Hazeckamp Jr., MEd '67, of Sacramento, CA, on February 21, 2018.

Jane Morgan Jennings '67 of Westwood, on June 8, 2018.

Bonnie Jean O'Boyle NC '67 of Bristol, PA, on March 18, 2018.

Richard E. Powers '67 of Manchester, NH, on May 22, 2018.

Helen A. Purcell '67 of Hingham on April 29, 2018.

Nancy Scheiderbauer NC '67 of Wilmington, DE, on May 28, 2018.

Jean MacCubrey Zagid, MEd '67, PhD '69, of Canton on May 1, 2018.

Daniel J. Connors '68 of Cumberland Foreside, ME, on April 8, 2018.

Marion F. Gallivan WCAS '68, MEd '72, of Dedham on April 28, 2018.

Helen O'Shea Hayner, MA '68, of Kittery, ME, on March 23, 2018.

J. Vincent Hoskinson '68 of Salem on May 26, 2018.

Richard F. Moriarty '68 of Mashpee on June 10, 2018.

Margaret A. O'Flanagan '68, MSW '85, of Chevy Chase, MD, on March 28, 2018.

Christine Duncan Rosen, MEd '68, PhD '79, of Woodbridge, VA, on April 18, 2017.

Lawrence E. Daniels '69 of Merrimack, NH, on April 1, 2018.

Michael Frattini '69 of Wheat Ridge, CO, on May 12, 2018.

James C. Haight '69 of Arlington on April 20, 2018.

Joseph E. Kopitsky, MEd '69, of Brewster on May 22, 2018.

Donald W. Masse, MA '69, of Taylor, MI, on May 25, 2018.

Clare F. Murphy '69, MEd '70, of Yarmouth Port and Newton on May 14, 2018.

Kathryn Lynch Wertheimer '69 of Westfield, NJ, on June 21, 2018.

1970s

Edward C. Lefevre, MSW '70, of Phoenix, AZ, on May 16, 2018.

Theodora T. Malhowski, MA '70, of Milford, MI, on March 20, 2018.

Mary Eileen Smith Neubeck NC '70 of Salem, SC, on June 24, 2018.

Stephen F. Pickul Jr. '70 of Centerville on March 27, 2018.

Bernard H. Shulman, DEd '70, of Boca Raton, FL, on January 15, 2017.

Neal C. Tully, Esq., '70, JD '73, of Hingham on May 21, 2018.

Linda Kates Weber, MEd '70, of Memphis, TN, on April 4, 2018.

Thomas W. Daly, MSW '71, of Elmira, NY, on April 1, 2018.

Ann Marie Glooring Grogan, Esq., JD '71, of Sirovay Hollow, NY, on June 10, 2018.

Patricia Chiasson Mascellotti '71, MSW '88, of Dorchester on April 26, 2018.

Patrick W. McDonough, Esq., '71, MA '72, JD '75, of McLean, VA, on February 5, 2018.

Donald B. Eames, MEd '72, of Wilder, VT, on April 17, 2018.

Linda Anne Quinlan Gasper '72 of Hingham on April 9, 2018.

Arthur A. Hennessey '72 of Chatham on May 14, 2018.

Mary Ellen McAndrews, SND, NC '72 of Peabody on May 6, 2018.

Laura Lee Richardson NC '72 of Huntington, WV, on May 31, 2017.

Paul J. Maguire Jr. '73 of Hanover on April 26, 2018.

William R. Skelley, MAT '73, of Belmont on April 3, 2018.

Paul J. Whelan '73 of Mashpee, on May 26, 2018.

Alan H. Amehigh, MEd '74, of Staunton, VA, on May 5, 2018.

Carol R. Keohane Segal '74 of Medford on May 16, 2018.

Brian G. Connolly '75 of North Andover on April 29, 2018.

David W. Murphy Jr., Esq., '76 of Pittsfield on May 26, 2018.

P. J. Brown '78 of Santa Monica, CA, on May 28, 2018.

Joel T. Eiserman, MBA '78, of Newburyport on April 29, 2018.

Duncan Alexander Fraser III, Esq., '78 of Long Beach, NY, on December 30, 2017.

Stephen B. Poelaert '78 of Milton on May 30, 2018.

Domenic Trano WCAS '78 of Lexington on May 4, 2018.

Martha A. Akey '79 of Haverhill on January 30, 2018.

Ella G. Alfano, MSW '79, of Melrose on May 15, 2018.

Susan Balder, MSW '79, of Philadelphia, PA, on October 17, 2017.

Margaret N. Henehan, Esq., '79 of Boston on March 8, 2018.

1980s

Joan N. Ricardo-Gil, PhD '80, of Marblehead on June 11, 2018.

Charles Ford Curran WCAS '82 of Osterville on June 20, 2018.

Victoria Pappas Fili, MA '82, of Cohasset on April 30, 2018.

Patricia A. Geary WCAS '82 of Brighton on May 19, 2018.

Maurice R. Loisel, MA '82, of Asheville, NC, on May 10, 2017.

Richard W. Gauger '83 of Marshfield on April 7, 2018.

William L. Lambert, FMS, DEd '84, of Lawrence on May 26, 2018.

Lynne H. Johnson '85 of Newton on June 14, 2018.

Jeanne E. Benoit (Elizabeth Lindsey Everett), MA '86, of Flagler Beach, FL, on June 19, 2018.

Carol Napier Eaton, MEd '86, of Keene, NH, on May 11, 2018.

Leslie G. Rubin, PhD '86, of Pittsburgh, PA, on October 10, 2017.

James Stewart Chaplin, MSW '88, of Auburn, ME, on May 26, 2018.

Peter D. DiBattista WCAS '88 of Uxbridge on June 6, 2018.

1990s

Nancy W. Veeder, MBA '90, of Needham on June 1, 2018.

Thomas Louie, Esq., JD '91, of Casa Grande, AZ, on July 17, 2017.

Mary C. Flatley '92, MAT '93, of Millis on May 15, 2018.

John R. Hope, Esq., JD '92, of Watertown on April 19, 2018.

Joan Marie Miquelon, OP, MEd '92, of Columbus, OH, on April 16, 2018.

Gordon A. Pierce, PhD '92, of Coeur d'Alene, ID, on April 20, 2018.

Sean R. Kelly '93 of Hoboken, NJ, on June 6, 2018.

Wendy Kelley McNeil '93 of Lexington on June 4, 2018.

Charles Bubello, MTS '97, of The Villages, FL, on May 5, 2018.

Joanne O'Sullivan Oliveira, MS '97, PhD '03, of Beverly Hills, FL, on June 5, 2018.

Geoffrey G. Gamble '98 of San Diego, CA, on June 13, 2018.

2000s

Janice Kim Thomas, Esq., JD '02, of Washington Crossing, PA, on June 11, 2018.

Monica L. Weaver, CAES '04, of Cream Ridge, NJ, on April 1, 2018.

Clare V. Drosch '05 of Rockaway Beach, NY, on May 11, 2018.

Matthew E. Czerny '07 of Haworth, NJ, on May 3, 2018.

2010s

John Waskiewicz, MBA '10, of Arlington on April 4, 2018.

Alyce Gowdy Wright, JD '15, of Roslindale on May 8, 2018.

BOSTON COLLEGE COMMUNITY DEATHS

Peter A. Carlo Jr., of Burlington, painter from 1988 to 2018, on May 2, 2018. He is survived by his wife, Sandra; daughter Nicole; siblings David, Joanne, and William; and many brothers- and sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews, and aunts and uncles.

Richard Cobb-Stevens '58, MA '59, of Carlisle, professor of philosophy from 1971 to 2009, on July 6, 2018, at age 83. He is survived by his sister, Helen; and brothers Robert, Thomas, and John.

James Gips, of Medfield, professor of information systems since 1976, on June 10, 2018, at age 72. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; son, Jonathan; daughter, Amy '04; grandson, Henry; sister, Kathy; stepmother, Joan; and stepdaughter, Caitlin.

Howard Gray, SJ, of Pontiac, Michigan, founding director of the Center for Ignatian Spirituality from 1996 to 2001, on May 7, 2018, at age 87.

Joseph Patrick Killalea, of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, member of the Boston College Jesuit Community for more than 60 years, on May 17, 2018, at age 86. He is survived by many nieces and nephews, and his godchildren Irene and Jeffrey.

Nancy W. Veeder, of Needham, associate professor in the School of Social Work from 1968 to 2008, on June 1, 2018, at age 81. She is survived by her partner, Mary Costanza; and her adoptive family, Susan English and Francis Martinez and their daughter Katherine.

The "Obituaries" section is compiled from national listings as well as from notifications submitted by friends and family of alumni. It consists of names of those whose deaths have been reported to us since the previous issue of Boston College Magazine. Please send information on deceased alumni to Advancement Information Systems, Cadigan Alumni Center, 140 Commonwealth Avenue, Chestnut Hill, MA 02467 or to infoserv@bc.edu.



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Martin Jarmond's Bold Vision for BC Athletics

He's the youngest athletics director of any Power Five institution, and he's charting a bright future for Boston College Athletics.

"It's really about raising our profile so athletics can be a beacon, a connector, and a source of pride for our many alumni, friends, and parents and the entire BC community," says Martin Jarmond,

William V. Campbell Director of Athletics. "That's the focus."

Jarmond is driving the University's first-ever comprehensive Athletics strategic plan, which is built around three key areas that contribute to the growth and development of BC Athletics: competitive excellence, facilities enhancement, and student-athlete formation.

STUDENT-ATHLETE FORMATION

“We develop our student-athletes academically, spiritually, and socially. It is our responsibility to help them thrive.”

» Boston College student-athletes devoted more than 3,000 hours to community service during the 2017–2018 academic year.





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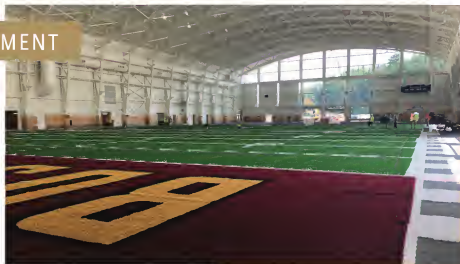
“Consistent competitive excellence means we compete at the highest level, every time.”

» Ky Bowman '20, a guard on BC's basketball team, finished the 2017–2018 season as the only player in the country to average at least 17.6 points, 6.8 rebounds, and 4.7 assists per game.

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“We owe it to our students to give them the best possible experience to develop and be competitive.”

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CREATION

By Tim Heffernan

New materials from the physics lab of Ilija Zeljkovic

Ilija Zeljkovic, assistant professor of physics, opens a heavy door in the basement of Higgins Hall to show off his prized research instrument: a scanning tunneling microscope (STM). It extends about eight feet into the ground and looks, at surface level, like a plumbing project run amok, a bathtub-size tangle of stainless-steel and genuine aluminum-foil piping. But it operates at almost unimaginable extremes of physics and precision.

Turbopumps reduce the pressure inside the microscope to one ten-trillionth that of the outside air. Liquid helium cools its innermost chamber to 450 degrees below zero (Fahrenheit). There, an infinitesimal metal needle traces the electron clouds of individual atoms, creating maps of their surfaces that are accurate to billionths of an inch. Zeljkovic uses the microscope to study exotic materials he and his graduate students create (using equally precise and extreme equipment that Zeljkovic designed).

Born and raised in Serbia, the child of two electrical engineers, "I stood no chance of doing anything but science and math," Zeljkovic says with a laugh. By sixth grade he was winning physics competitions; after excelling on a nationwide placement exam, he joined an entering class of a hundred students at Serbia's most prestigious science high school. As graduation neared, however, "I realized I was really interested in doing experiments, so that's one of the reasons I decided to come to the States for college. You need expensive equipment, you need expensive supplies, and the Serbian education system just cannot possibly support that."

He majored in physics and computer science (with minors in math and economics) at Washington University in St. Louis, then decided on Harvard for graduate school, thinking he would focus on astrophysics, one of his undergraduate interests. But a professor advised him, "Forget what you've done so far. It really doesn't matter. Just think about what you want to do." At Harvard, a poster on a bulletin board—featuring an illustration of atoms—tugged at his attention. "I thought it would be really cool to be able to see atoms,"

Zeljkovic says. "To go to a completely different length-scale from astrophysics, where everything is huge but far away, to something close by but so small."

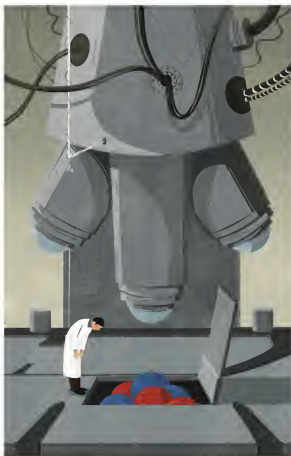
Zeljkovic joined the lab of Harvard professor Jenny Hoffman, who tasked him with helping design an STM. (Zeljkovic's STM at Boston College was purchased off-the-shelf, but back then—in the late aughts—all STMs were hand-built.) "I always liked hands-on

stuff, liked building things myself. As a kid, I liked Legos. So I said, 'OK, I'll give it a shot,'" Zeljkovic recalls. "There were three novice graduate students. You can imagine—it was a one-of-a-kind system. But at the end of my fourth year, it started working. And that's when the real science began." Zeljkovic used the microscope to study the atomic properties of superconducting materials, research for which he received his Ph.D. in 2013.

He moved across the river to Boston College for postdoctoral work, aiming to push deeper into the science of exotic materials. Now with his own lab and five graduate students, he vaporizes known elements in precise sequences and under extreme vacuums to create entirely new materials. These substances can exhibit unusual properties, such as the ability to conduct electricity across only their surfaces. Zeljkovic compares molecular beam epitaxy, as the technique is known, to cooking—with different ingredients and exact temperatures and timing yielding something wholly original. The ingredients he

uses, however, are periodic-table oddities, such as tellurium, strontium, tantalum, and selenium.

The eventual utility of the work is anyone's guess; Zeljkovic himself chooses not to make one. But the properties of the so-called quantum materials he creates are intriguing enough that he has received funding and top awards from the National Science Foundation, the Army Research Office, and DARPA—the Defense Department's "blue skies research" wing, which specifically supports cutting-edge science that has no clear goal, only clear promise. ■





Klein, and the setup for a *Late Night* skit.

Fall guy

By Zachary Jason

Stuntman Peter Klein '94

The "skills" section of Peter Klein's resume includes sword, bō staff, battle axe, and katana stage combat; scuba and rope rescue (rappelling, climbing, belaying); "slides, 90's, forward and reverse 180's" with cars and motorcycles; and falls from up to 60 feet. Since 2004, he's performed, coordinated, or rigged stunts for 120 films and TV shows—sliding a speeding 18-wheeler in *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*, tumbling down stairs dressed as Abraham Lincoln on the *Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon* ("your elbows guide your fall").

On a muggy mid-June morning, Klein is coordinating stunts for *Late Night with Seth Meyers*. On set in a Long Island funeral home, he plots how a drunken eulogist might end with a face-plant. The six-foot-three Klein towers over the rest of the crew, his chest and biceps swelling a T-shirt that shows the face of a snarling wolf. "I don't over-coach," he says. "I adapt to how actors naturally move." Take one: The eulogist flails her arms as she falls; too cartoonish. Take two: Too cautious. Klein, who practiced the fall himself half a dozen times, tells the actress to lead with her feet. Take three: She wobbles a knee, trips forward, knocking over the portrait of grandma in front of the casket, and falls safely onto Klein's foam "crash mats" out of frame. "Opa!" yells the director.

Klein grew up in Canfield, Ohio, captivated as a teenager by ABC's *The Fall Guy* (1981–85), about a stuntman (Lee Majors) turned bounty hunter. He studied sociology and played tight end at Boston College, and subsequently worked in New York as a bond broker, then a studio page, then a production assistant for *60 Minutes*, while taking stunt courses at night. At age 31, he got his first stunt assignment: playing a bike messenger who flips over a taxi's open door. In 2015 Klein won Best Fight at the Taurus World Stunt Awards, the Oscars of the stunt industry: Appearing as several ski-masked assassins in the thriller *John Wick*, he was seen raiding the home of Keanu Reeves, who shot, stabbed, and threw Klein through a glass wall.

A year later, Klein was jumping between rooftops for NBC's *The Blacklist*, when he stuck his leg out two inches too far and shattered his ankle. In recovery, he works mainly as a stunt coordinator, hiring crews, choreographing fights, and "finding the safest ways to make the director's dream a reality."

At the funeral home, Klein changes into a black suit for the day's second stunt—in which pallbearers will drop a casket. "Now that I'm not getting shot in the head all the time," he says, "I get to watch a little bit more of my work with my kids."

A full-page photograph of a football game. In the center, a player in a maroon and gold uniform (A.J. Dillon) is running with the ball. He is wearing a gold helmet with a maroon 'S' logo. Behind him, a player in a white and gold uniform (number 35) is pursuing. To the left, another player in a white and gold uniform is on the ground. The background shows other players and spectators in a stadium.

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A.J. DILLON '21
RUNNING BACK